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ABSTRACT

These 51 charts outline the general educational structure of each state and the District of Columbia. The charts identify elementary, secondary, and postsecondary state-level boards, chief state school officers, and local structures, as well as institutional boards. The relationships between these entities are also indicated. Where possible the size of board, the methods of selection, and terms of officers are shown. The boards are also identified as governing, coordinating, advisory, or supervisory. A basic chart form is used to insure some uniformity. (Author/KE)

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— Preface —

This paper is part of a substantial amount of research work which was defined and solicited by the Governor's Commission on the Structure and Governance of Education in Maryland (the Rosenberg Commission) from many scholarly people working throughout the Maryland system of education.

The work on this paper was done jointly by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Commission's staff, with the cooperation of many people in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The contribution of Dr. Melvin Self, a consultant in the Special Projects Unit of the Maryland State Department of Education, to this document is acknowledged and appreciated. In addition, previous research by J. L. Zwingle in *State Boards Responsible for Higher Education 1970*, and Sam P. Harris in *State Departments of Education, State Boards of Education, and Chief State School Officers*, greatly aided in the compilation of information in this publication. (These two documents are available from the U. S. Government Printing Office; Public Documents Departments; Washington, D. C. 20402.)

This publication briefly outlines the educational structures in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The organizational chart form restricted the amount of information that could be used. Also, because changes in educational structure are constantly being made, some information may be obsolete.

The chart form was selected to allow simple comparisons to be made quickly between different state structures. The Rosenberg Commission felt compelled to study other states' educational structures. An efficient way of accomplishing this objective was to prepare the material presented in this publication. It is hoped that the content will prove helpful to other states engaged in studies similar to that now occurring in Maryland. However, the Commission does not at this time advocate one structural form over any other.

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EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE 50 STATES

In the following 51 charts (the District of Columbia was also included) an attempt was made to outline the general educational structure of each of the 50 states. The charts identify both elementary, secondary and post secondary state-level boards, chief state school officers, and local structures, as well as institutional boards. The relationships between these entities are also indicated. Where possible the size of board, the methods of selection, and terms of offices are shown. The boards are also identified as governing, coordinating, advisory, or supervisory.

In order to insure some uniformity, a basic chart form was adopted. It is realized that this form may have caused some structural outlines to become somewhat contrived. However, uniformity was felt to be a necessity to facilitate easy and quick comparisons.

Because of the limits of space, the internal organization of departments of education and staffing patterns of other boards are not indicated in this publication. There was also no analysis made of information collected.

While every attempt was made to insure accuracy, the rapidly changing status of some school structures requires periodic updating of some of the information. Also, while it is felt that this publication fills an important void of identifying the different structures, it is also believed a national organization should take on this project on an annual basis, expanding it to include internal organizational structure and analysis of content.

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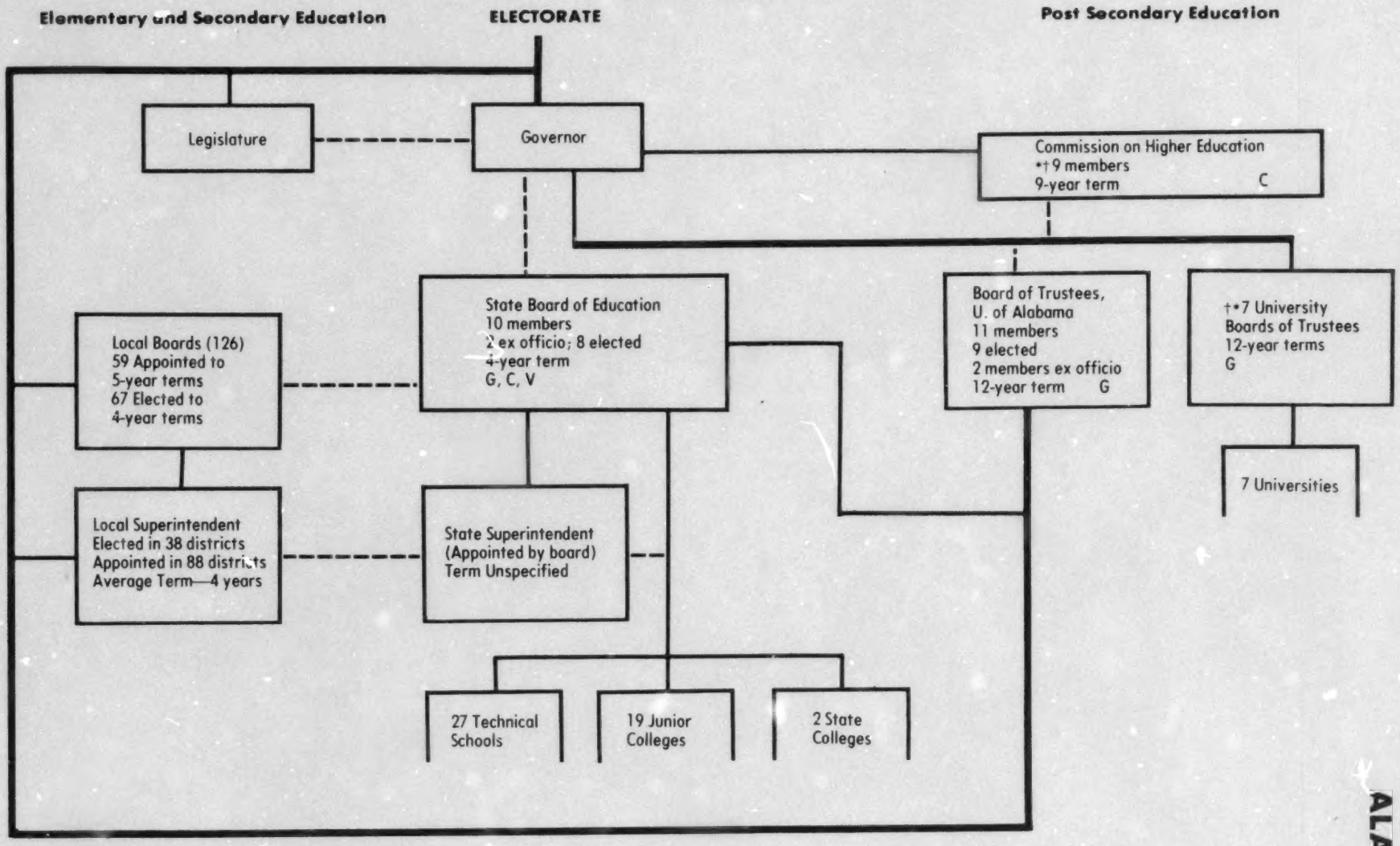

†Appointed by Governor
*Approved by Senate
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G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Bd. for Voc. Ed.

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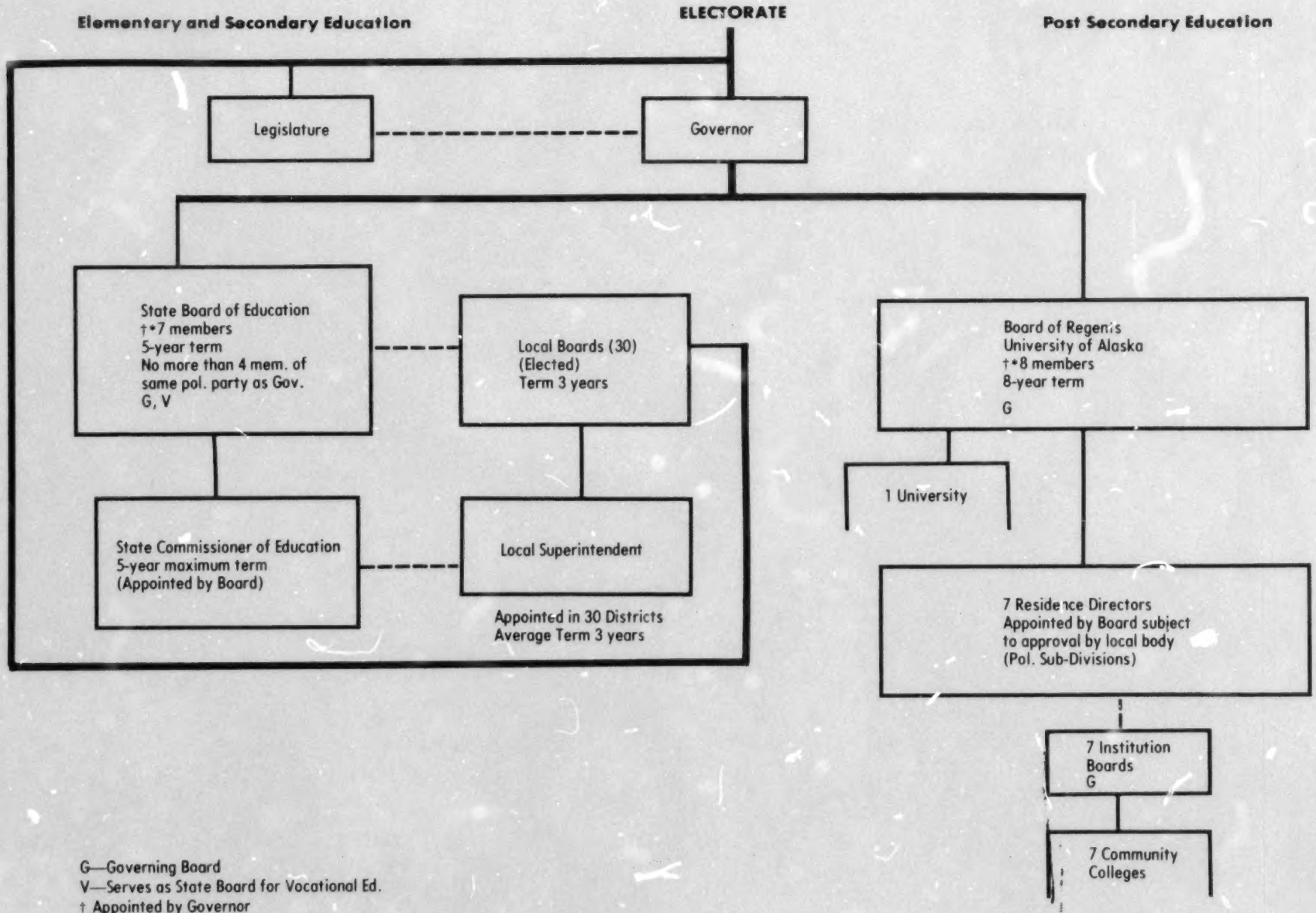

G—Governing Board
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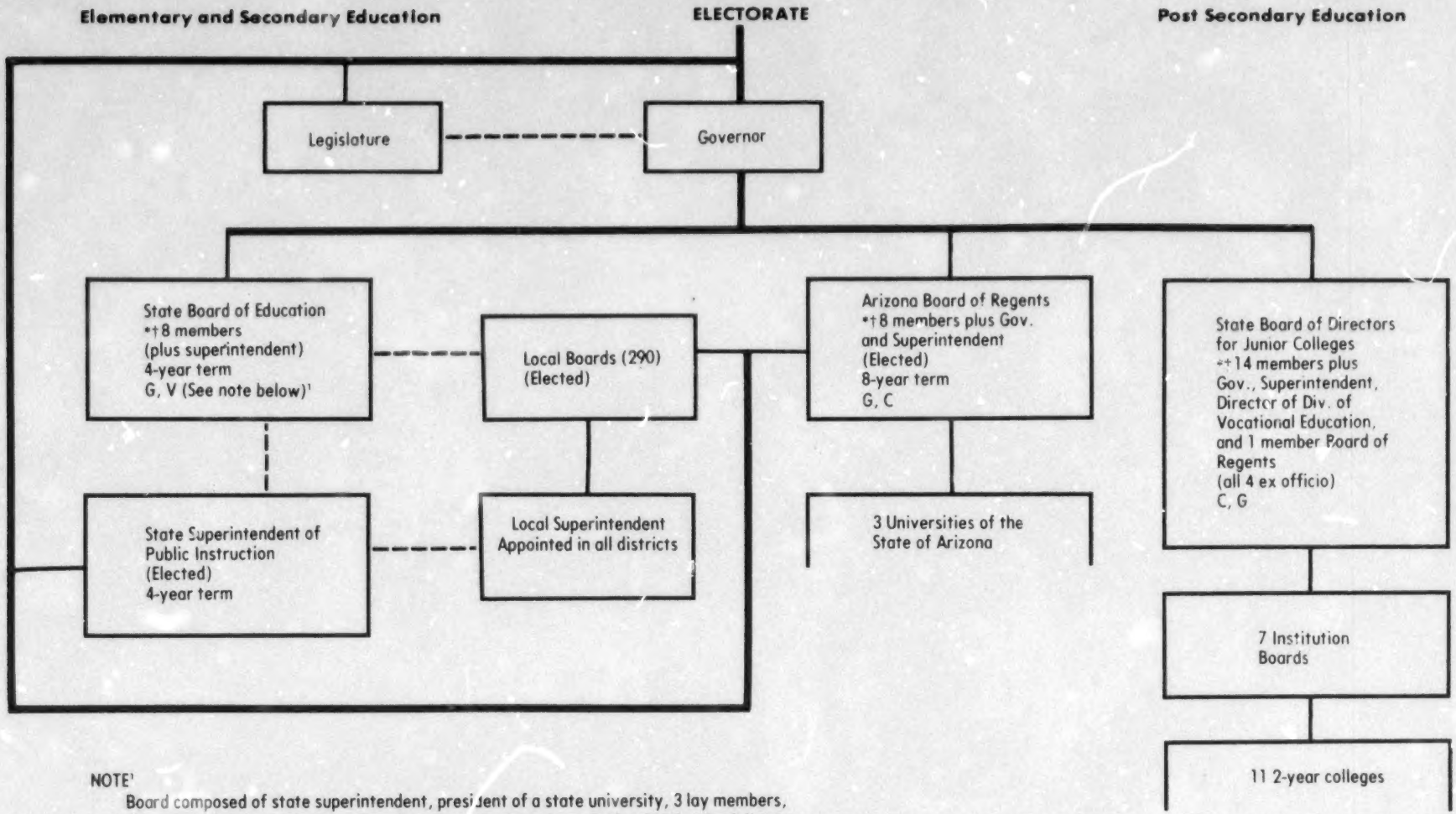
• Confirmed by Legislature

ALASKA

ARIZONA



NOTE¹

Board composed of state superintendent, president of a state university, 3 lay members, a member of the state junior college board, a superintendent of a local high school district, a classroom teacher, and a county school superintendent.

C—Coordinating Board
G—Governing Board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
* Senate confirms
† State Board Members Appointed by Governor

ARIZONA

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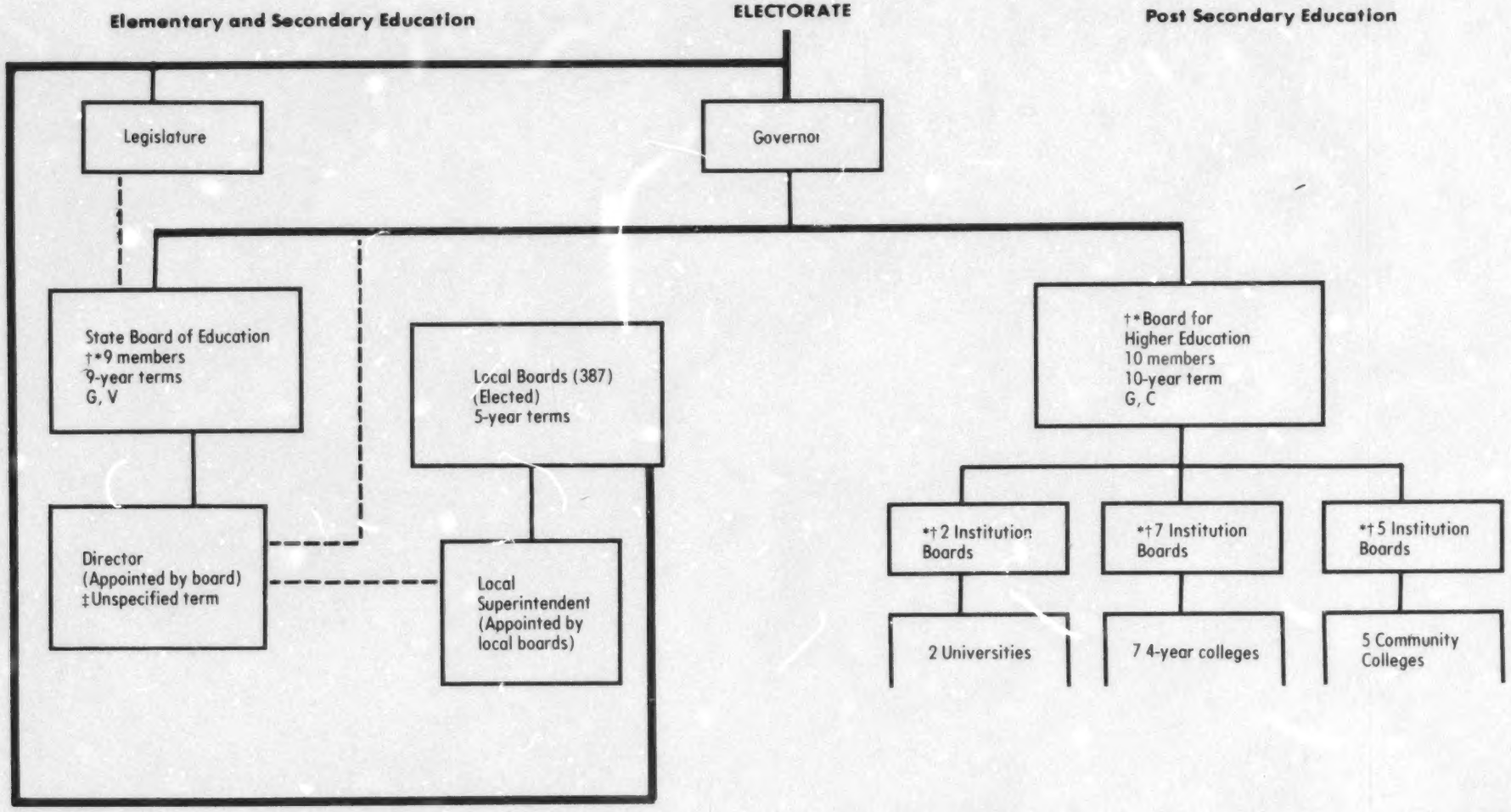

‡ Serves at pleasure of Governor
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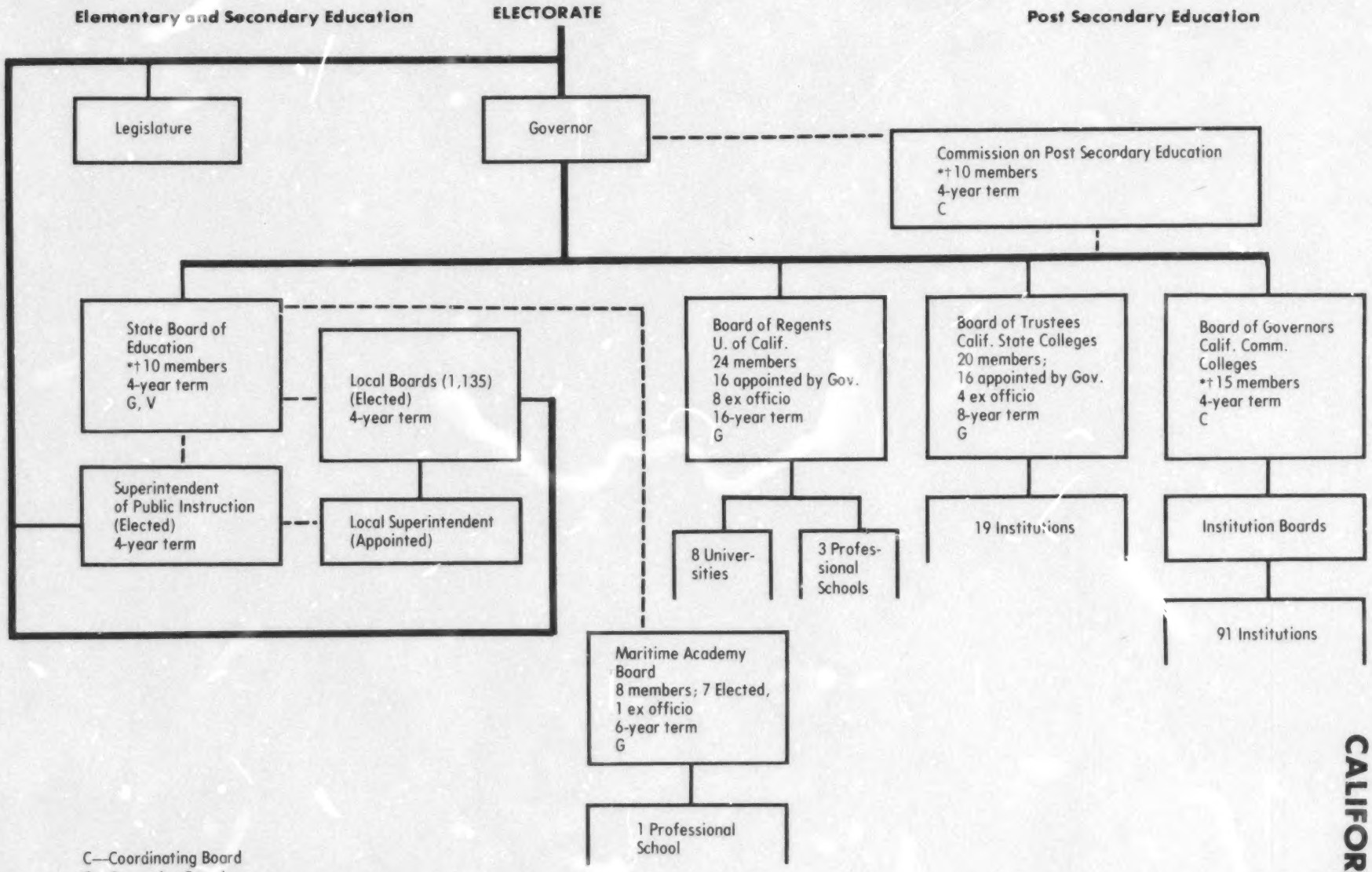
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
G—Governing Board
C—Coordinating Board

ARKANSAS

CALIFORNIA



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G—Governing Board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
† Appointed by Governor
* Confirmed by Senate

CALIFORNIA

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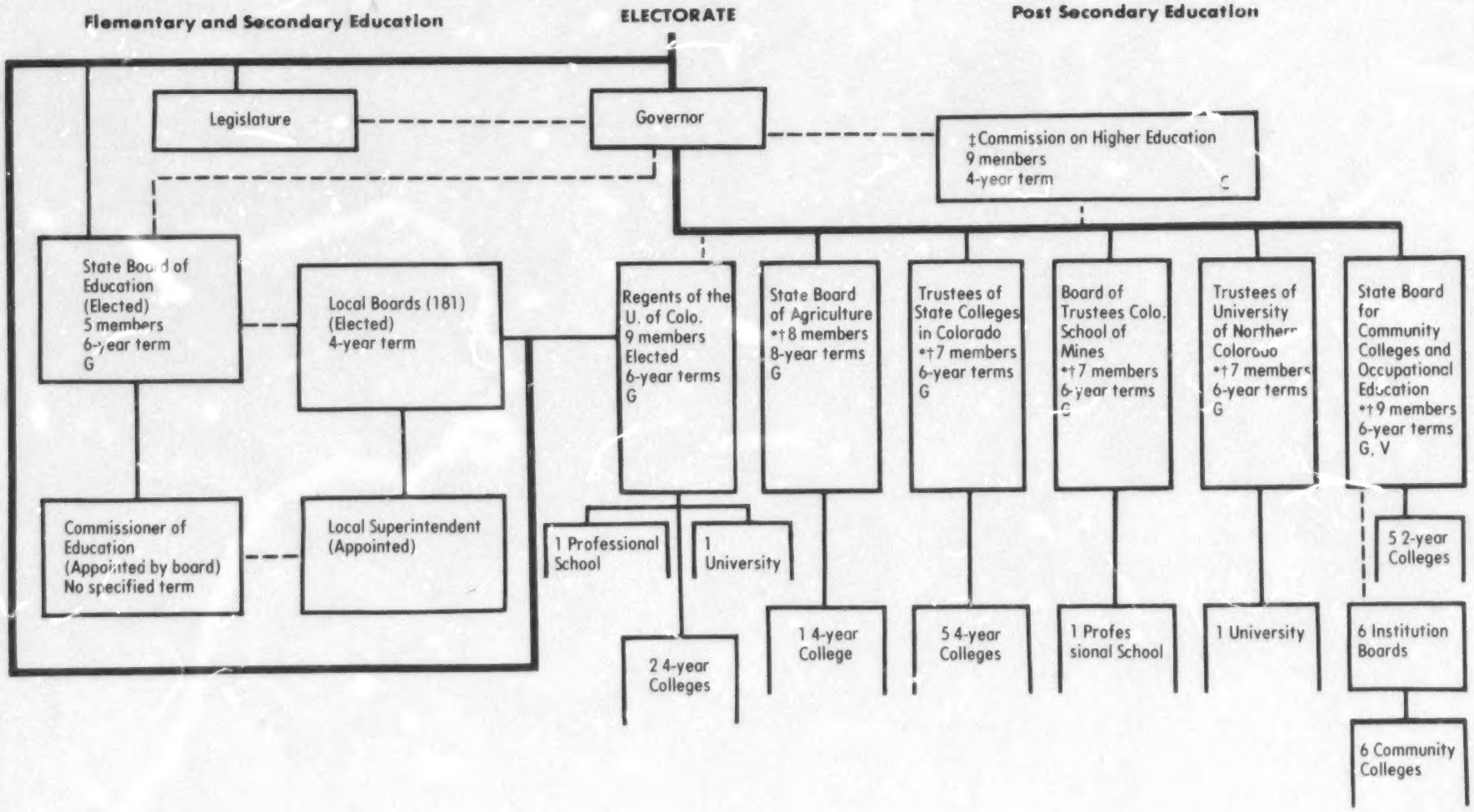

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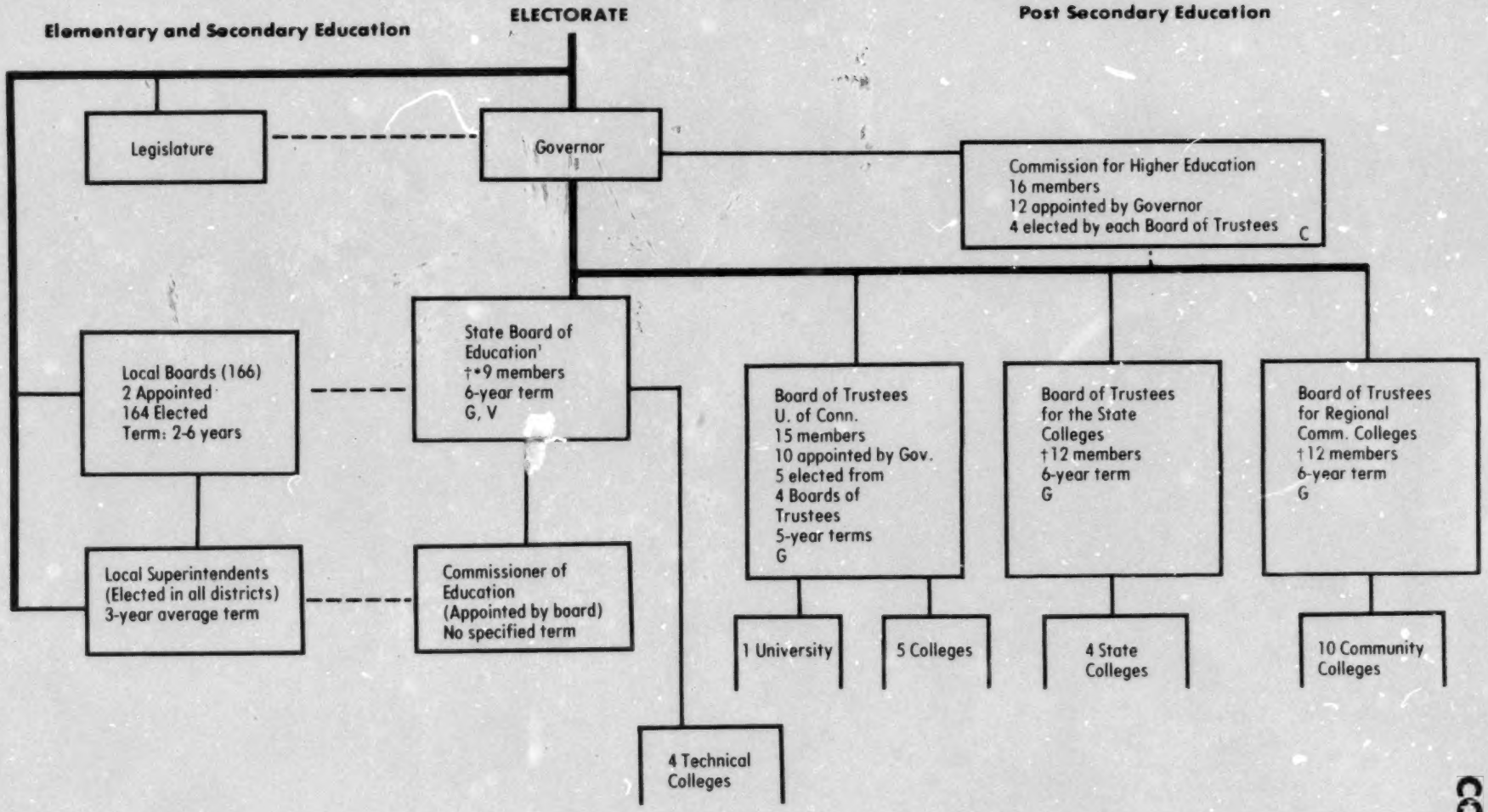
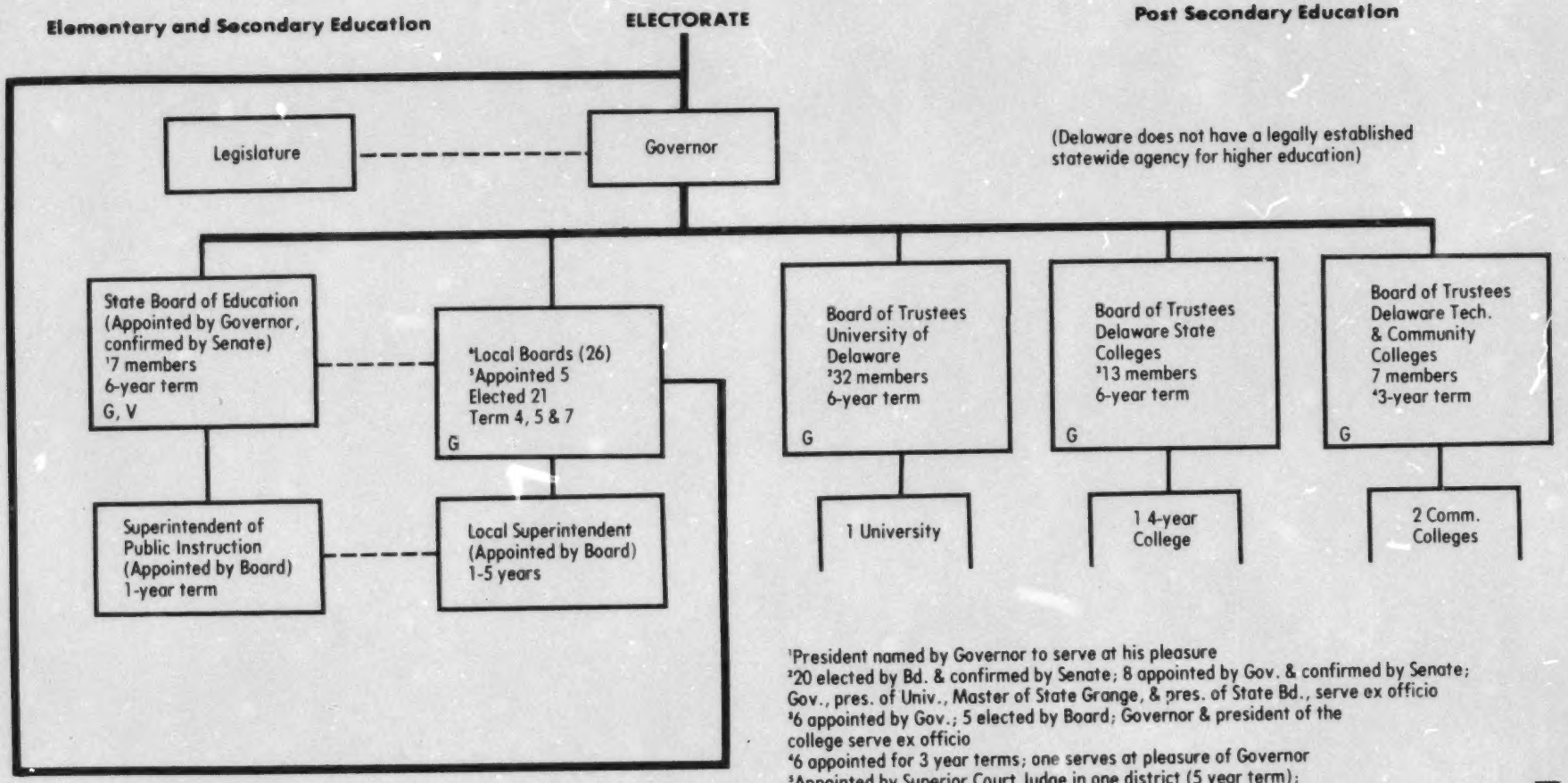
CONNECTICUT



† Appointed by Governor
'Serves as Board of Trustees of the State Technical Colleges
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

CONNECTICUT

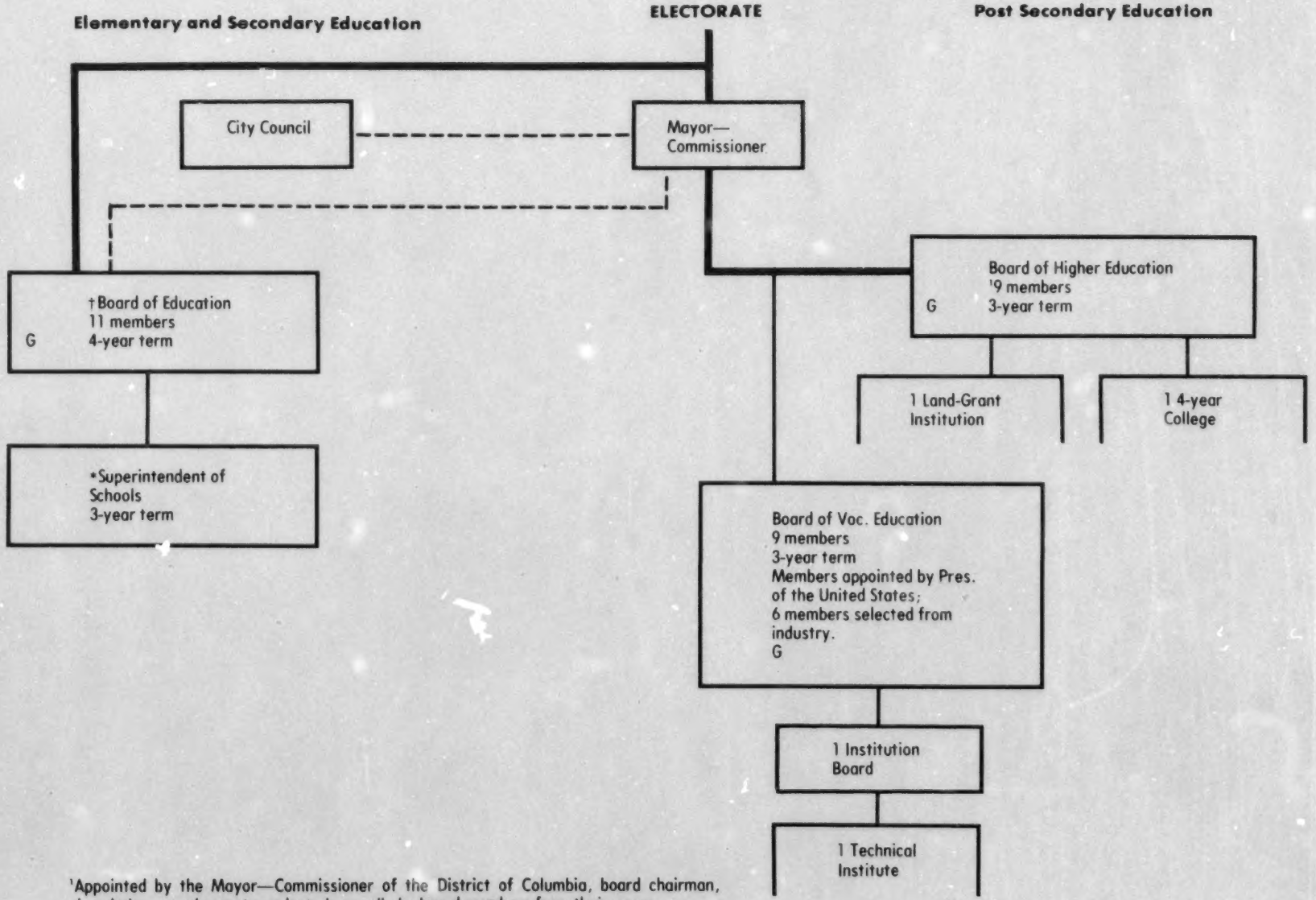
DELAWARE


Elementary and Secondary Education
ELECTORATE
Post Secondary Education
Legislature
Governor
(Delaware does not have a legally established statewide agency for higher education)
State Board of Education (Appointed by Governor, confirmed by Senate) ¹7 members 6-year term G, V
⁴Local Boards (26) ⁵Appointed 5 Elected 21 Term 4, 5 & 7 G
Board of Trustees University of Delaware ²32 members 6-year term G
Board of Trustees Delaware State Colleges ³13 members 6-year term G
Board of Trustees Delaware Tech. & Community Colleges 7 members ⁶3-year term G
Superintendent of Public Instruction (Appointed by Board) 1-year term
Local Superintendent (Appointed by Board) 1-5 years
1 University
1 4-year College
2 Comm. Colleges

G—Governing Board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

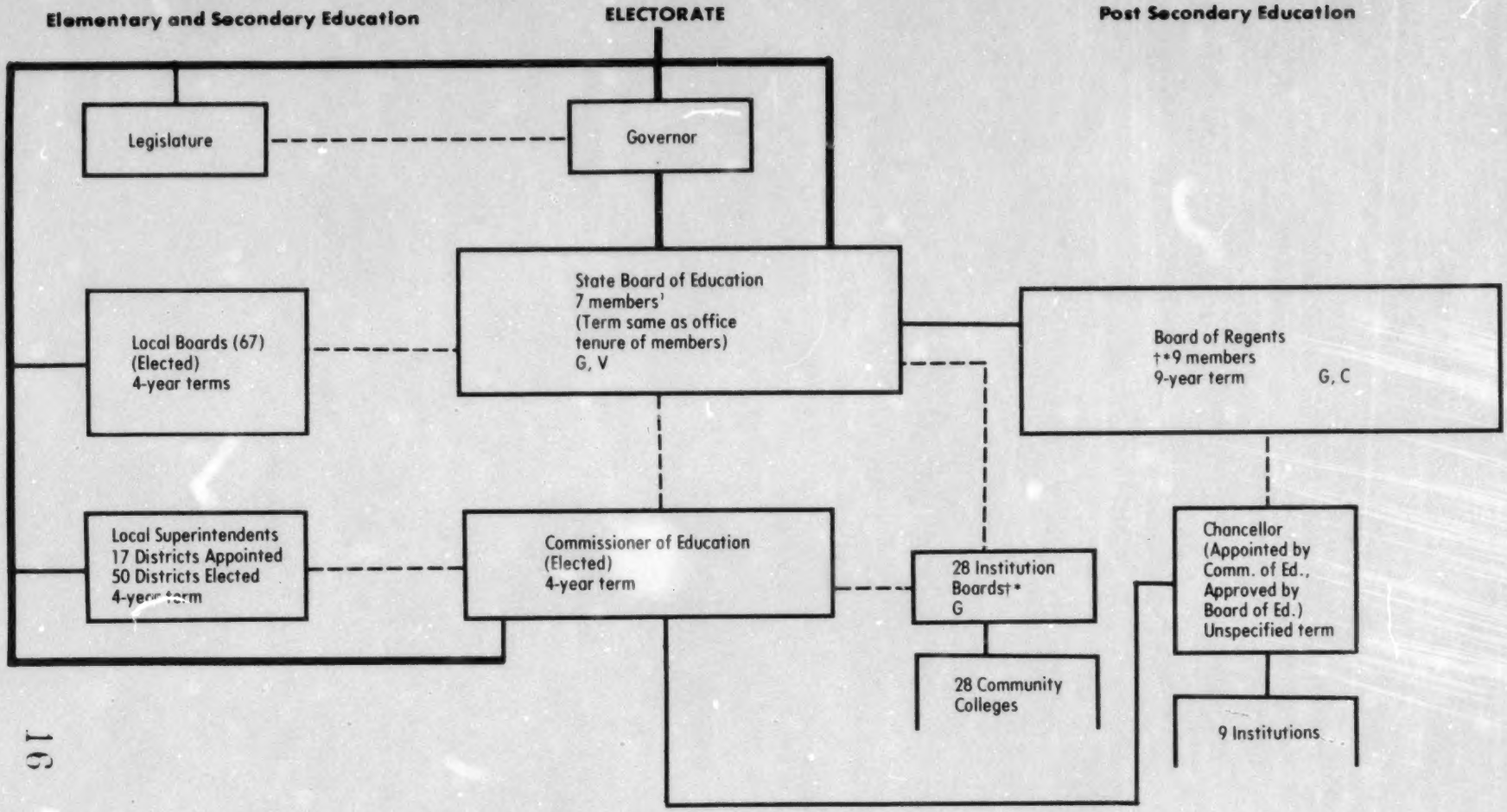
¹President named by Governor to serve at his pleasure
²20 elected by Bd. & confirmed by Senate; 8 appointed by Gov. & confirmed by Senate; Gov., pres. of Univ., Master of State Grange, & pres. of State Bd., serve ex officio
³6 appointed by Gov.; 5 elected by Board; Governor & president of the college serve ex officio
⁴6 appointed for 3 year terms; one serves at pleasure of Governor
⁵Appointed by Superior Court Judge in one district (5 year term); 4 appointed by Governor and 3 by city mayor in one district (4 year terms) Appointed by Governor in 3 county vocational-technical districts (7 year terms)
⁶Includes 3 county vocational-technical districts

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



[1]Appointed by the Mayor—Commissioner of the District of Columbia, board chairman, vice-chairman and secretary elected annually by board members from their group.
† D. C. Board Members Elected
• D. C. Superintendent Appointed by Board
G—Governing Board

FLORIDA



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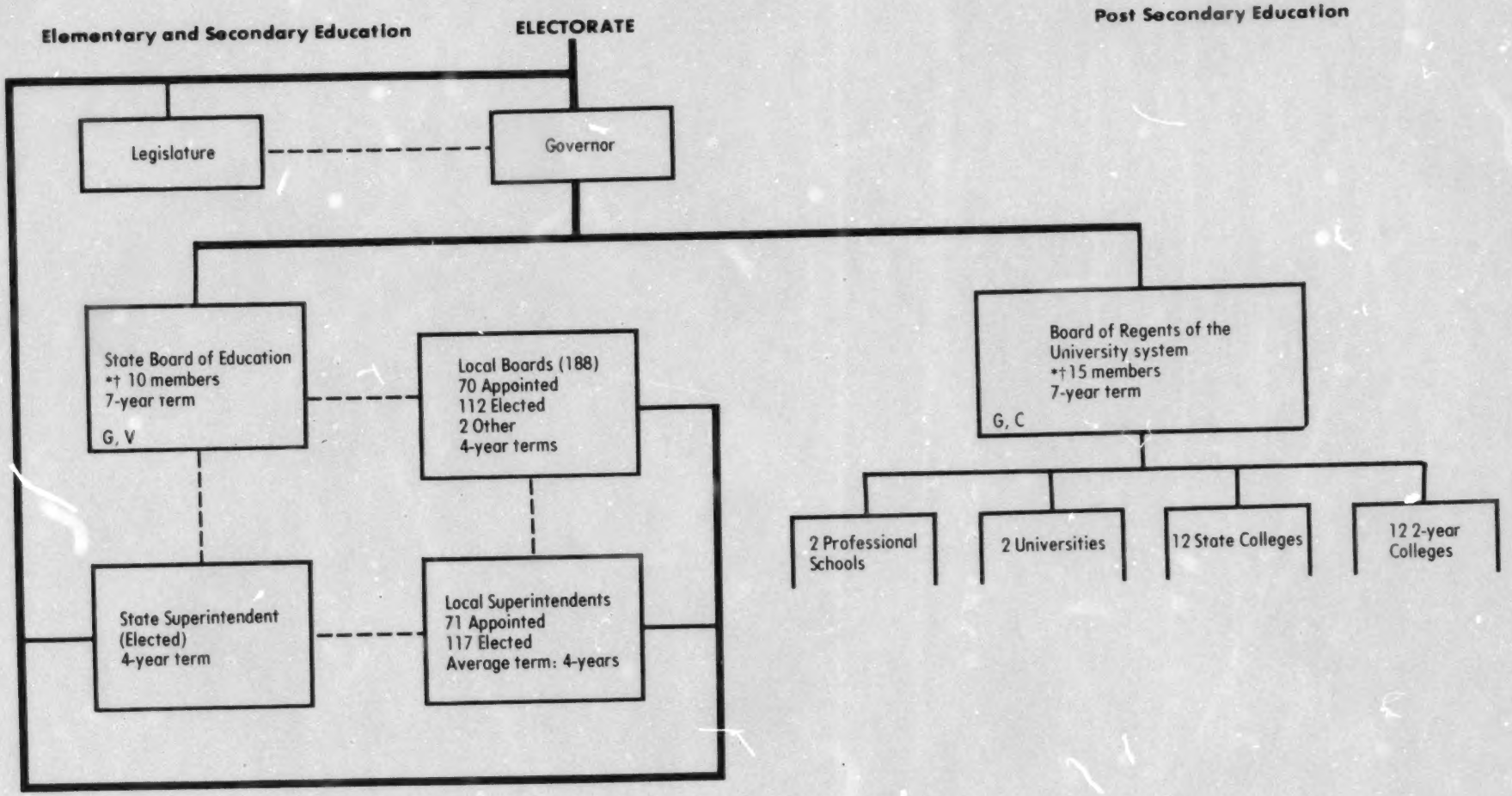
† Appointed by Governor
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

'Board comprised of Governor, Sec. of State, Atty. General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture & Commissioner of Education

FLORIDA

GEORGIA



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GEORGIA

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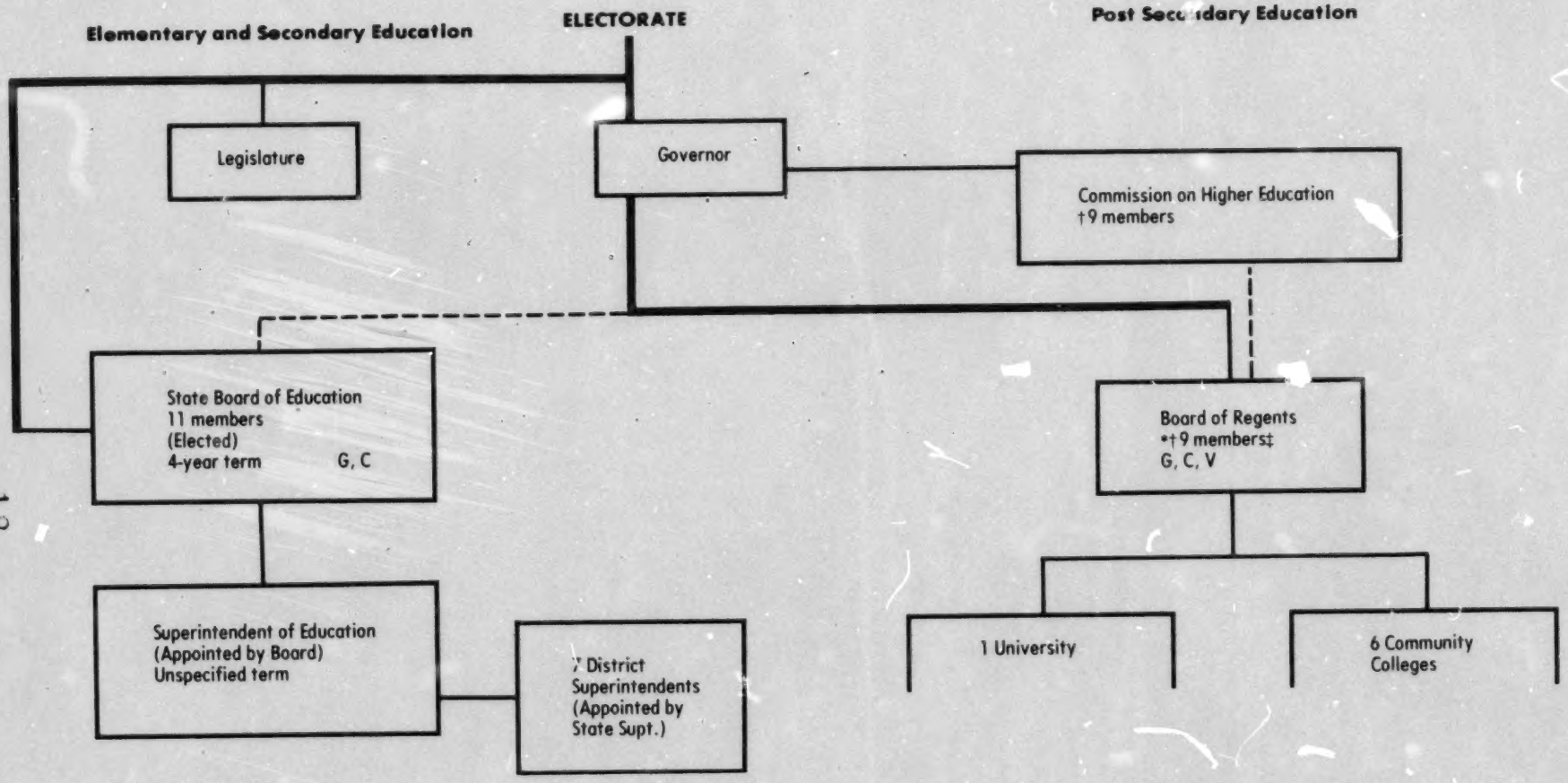

† Appointed by Governor
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G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
‡ The main university campus & community colleges operate as part of the University

HAWAII

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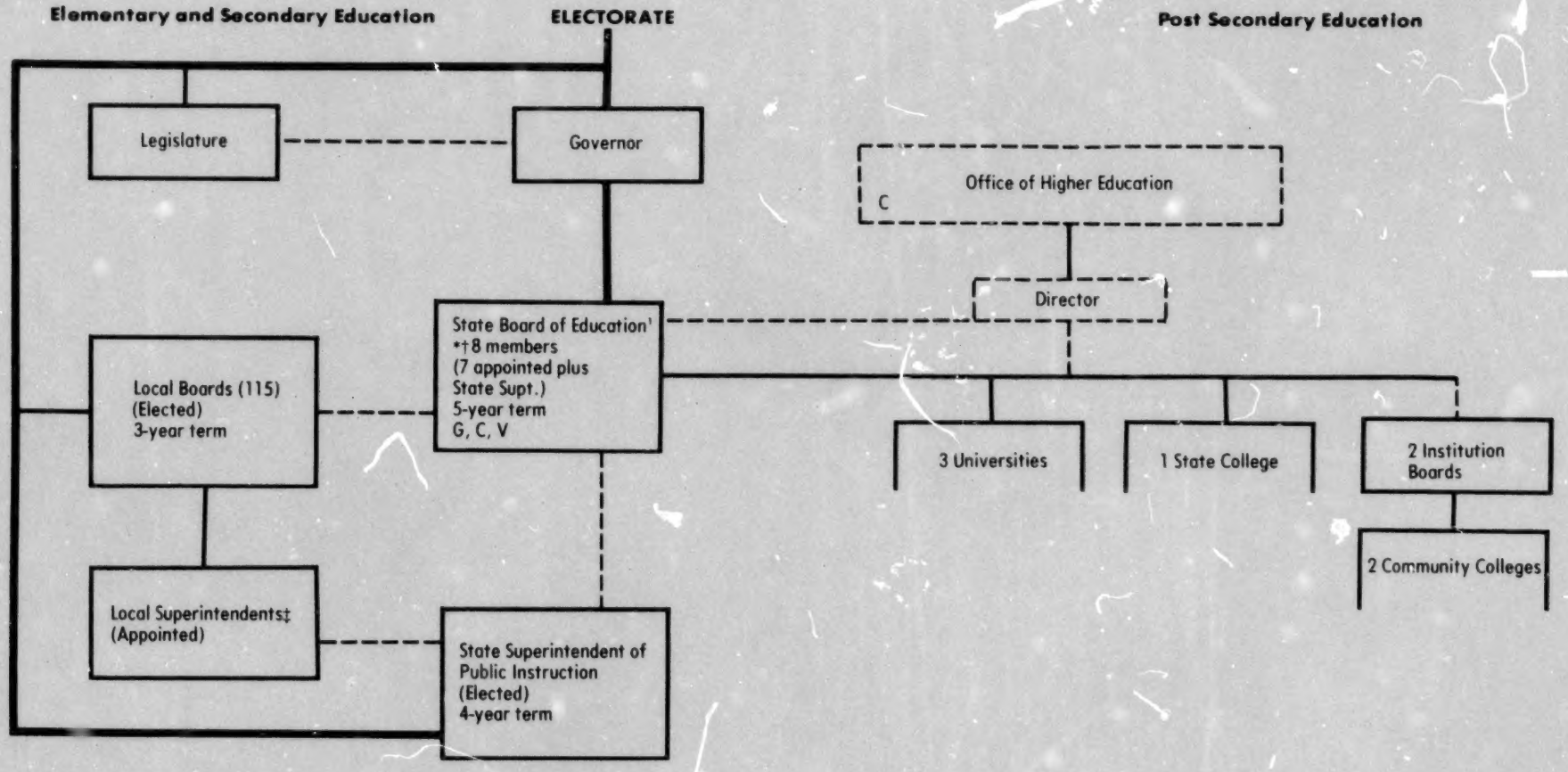

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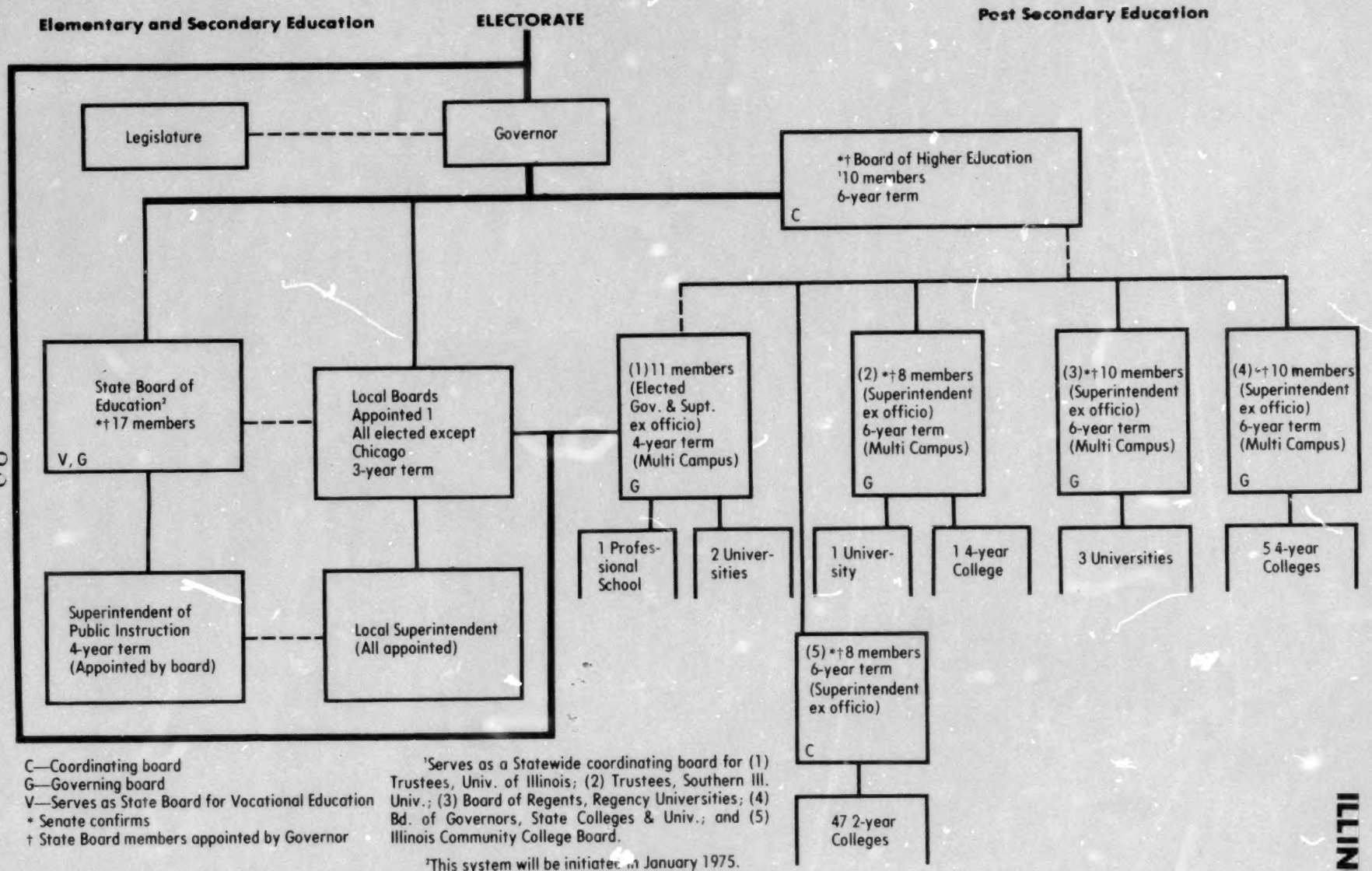
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
1 Acts as Board of Regents of the University of Idaho
‡ 9 Districts serve elementary schools only, and do not have superintendents

IDAHO

ILLINOIS



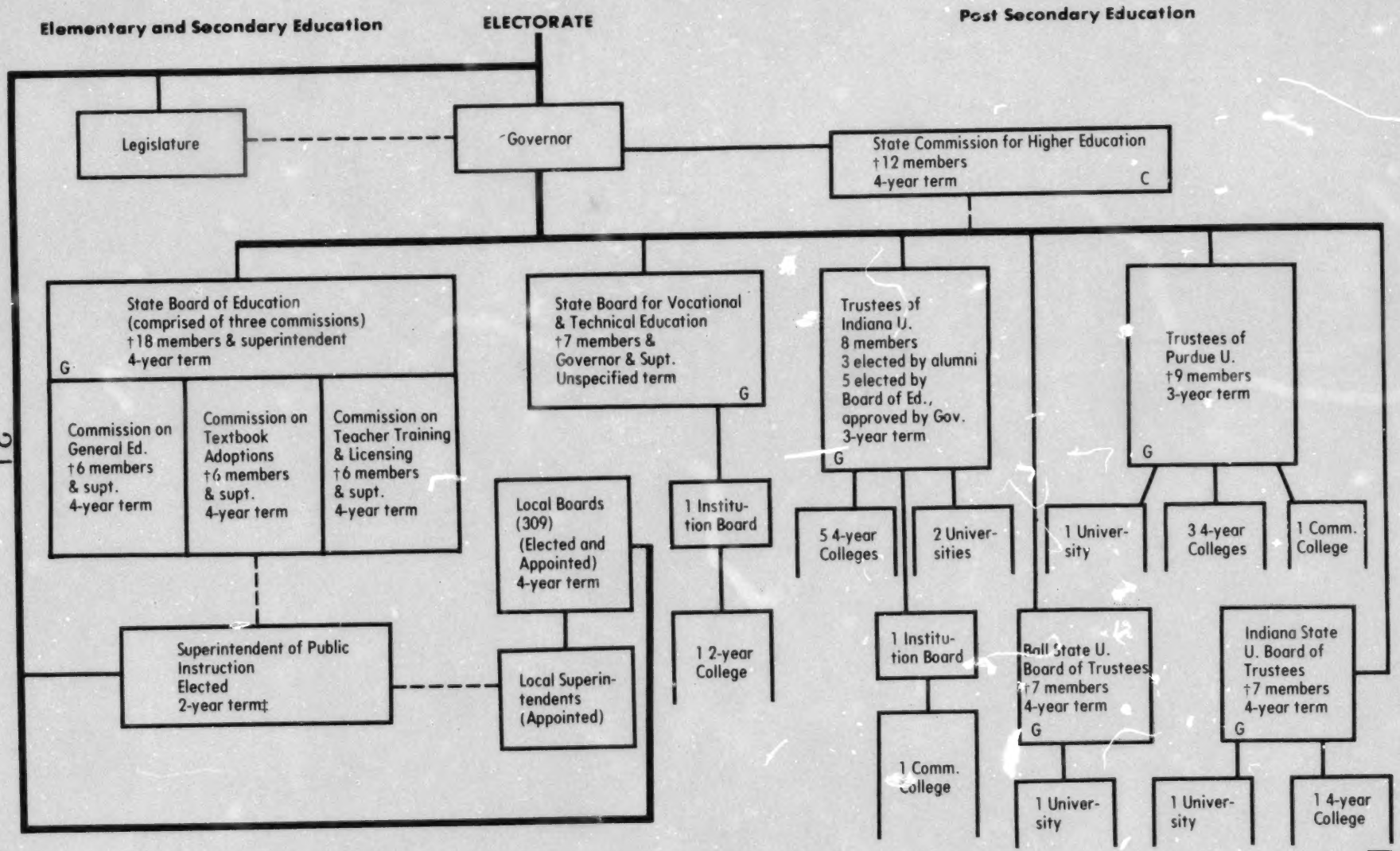
C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
* Senate confirms
† State Board members appointed by Governor

[1]Serves as a Statewide coordinating board for (1) Trustees, Univ. of Illinois; (2) Trustees, Southern Ill. Univ.; (3) Board of Regents, Regency Universities; (4) Bd. of Governors, State Colleges & Univ.; and (5) Illinois Community College Board.

[2]This system will be initiated in January 1975. The State Superintendent is now elected; no state level E&S board exists

ILLINOIS

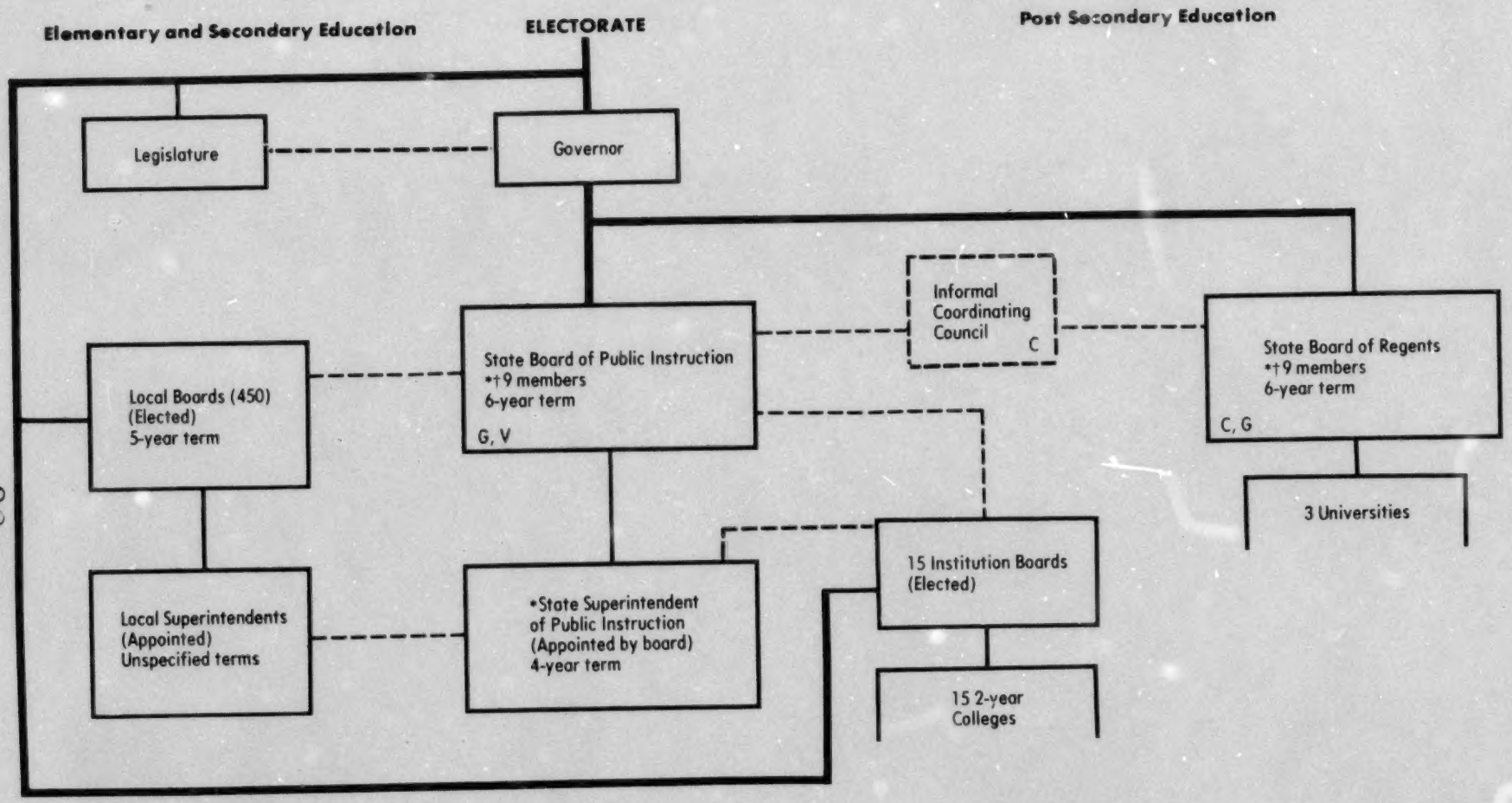
INDIANA



‡ To be appointed by Governor after 1975
† Appointed by Governor
* Confirmed by Senate
G—Governing Board
C—Coordinating board

INDIANA

IOWA



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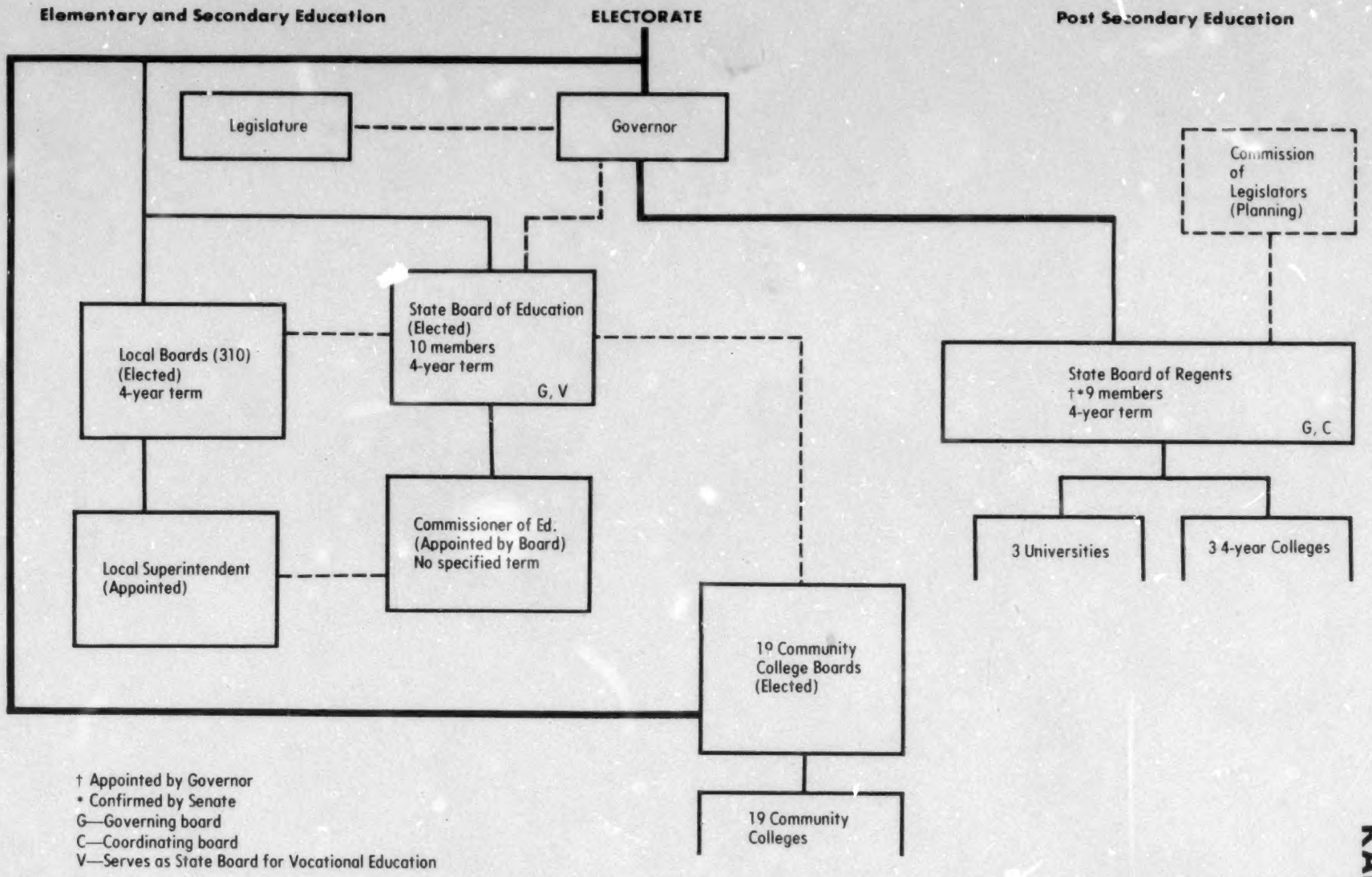
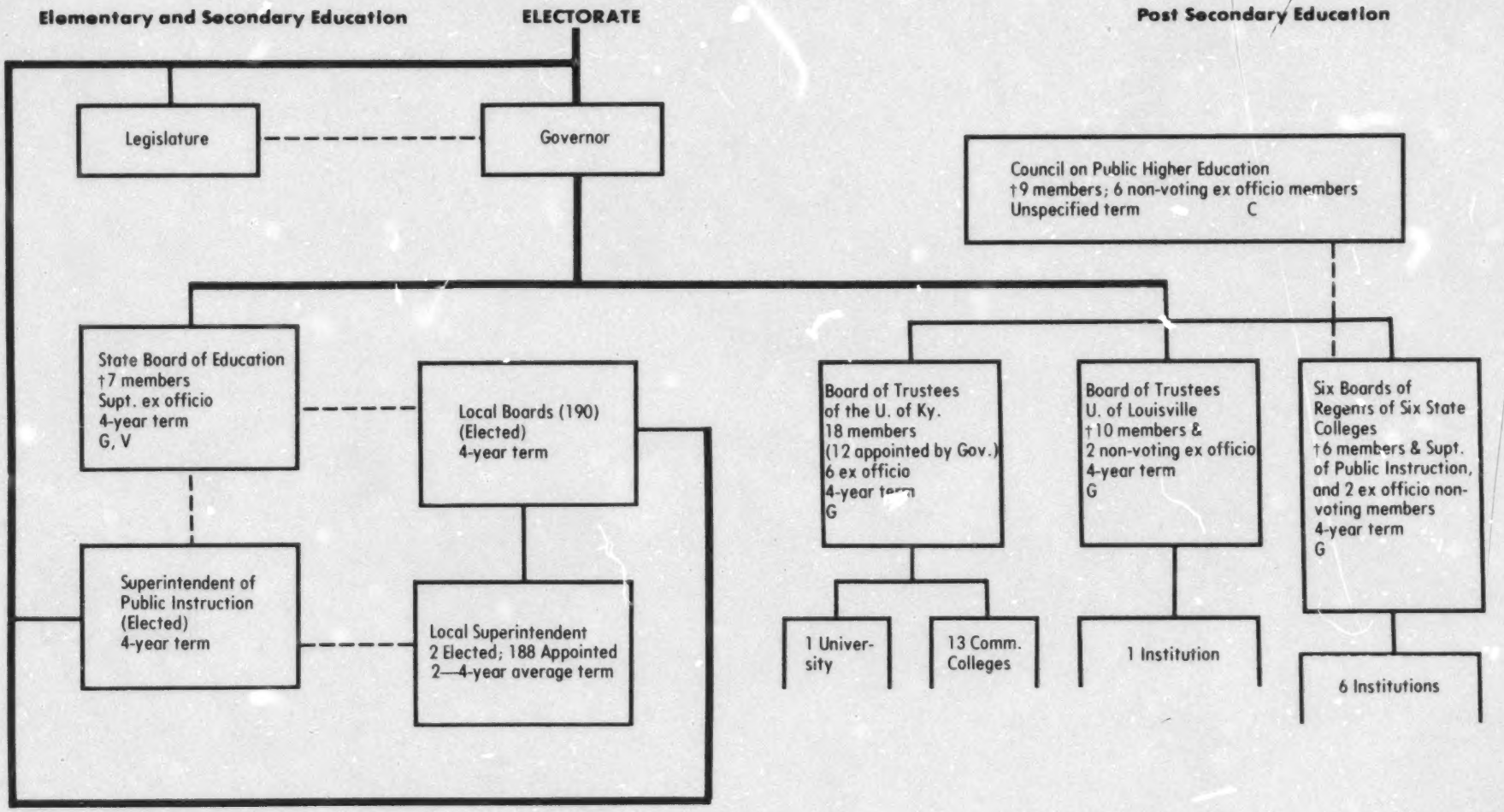
IOWA

KANSAS


Elementary and Secondary Education
ELECTORATE
Post Secondary Education
Legislature
Governor
Commission of Legislators (Planning)
State Board of Education (Elected) 10 members 4-year term G, V
Local Boards (310) (Elected) 4-year term
State Board of Regents †•9 members 4-year term G, C
Commissioner of Ed. (Appointed by Board) No specified term
Local Superintendent (Appointed)
3 Universities
3 4-year Colleges
1º Community College Boards (Elected)
19 Community Colleges
† Appointed by Governor
• Confirmed by Senate
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

KANSAS

KENTUCKY



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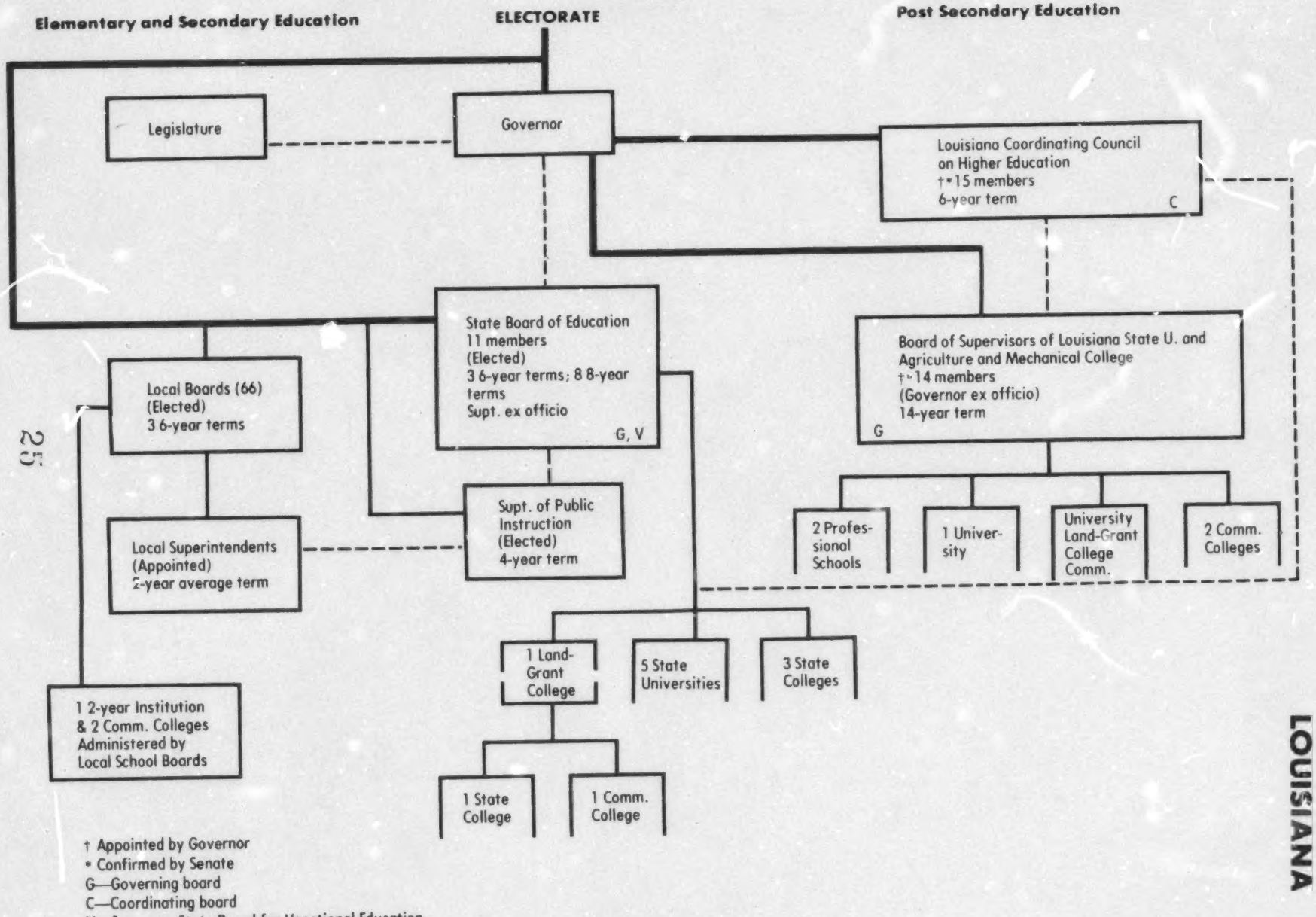
LOUISIANA



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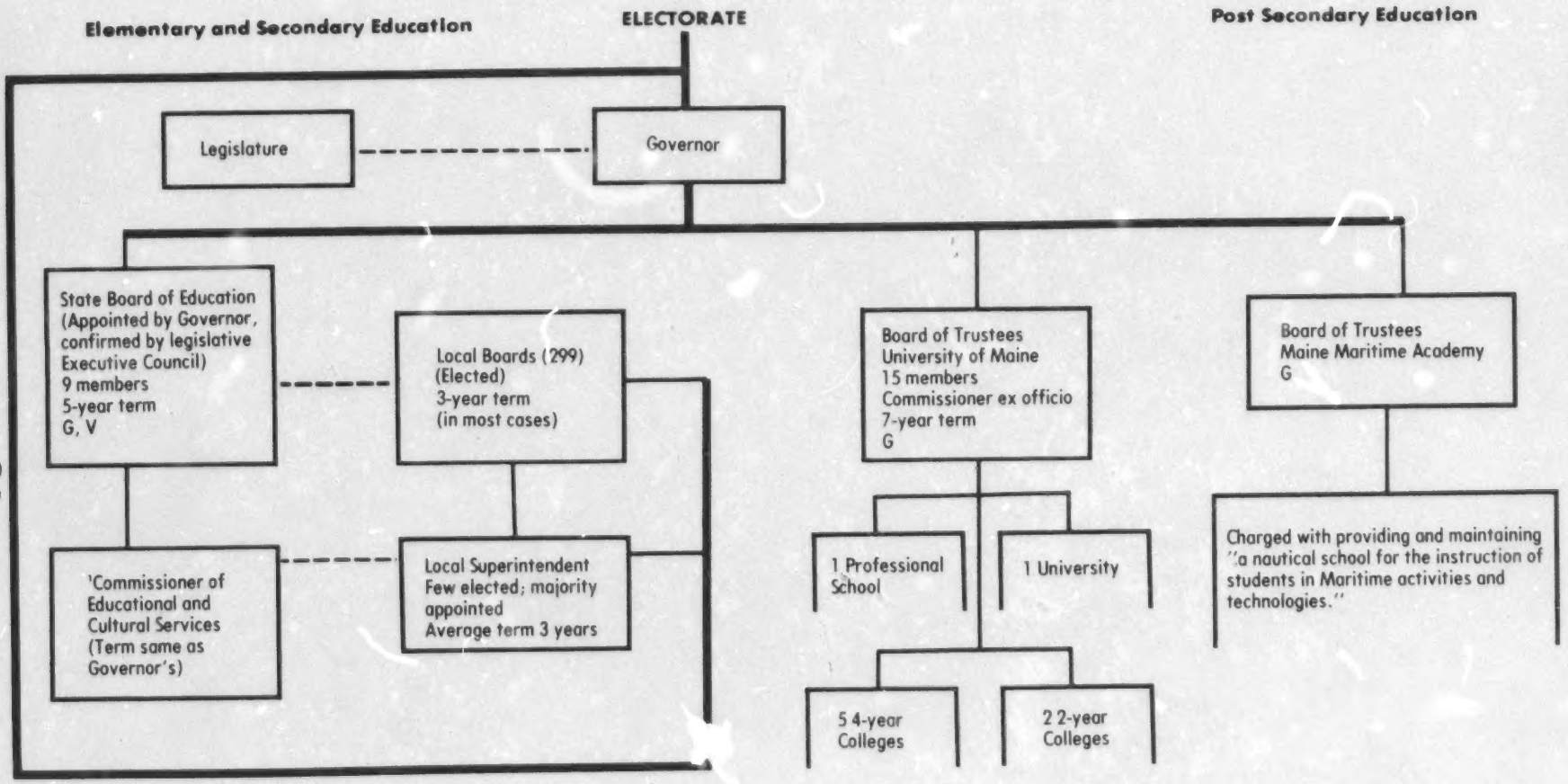
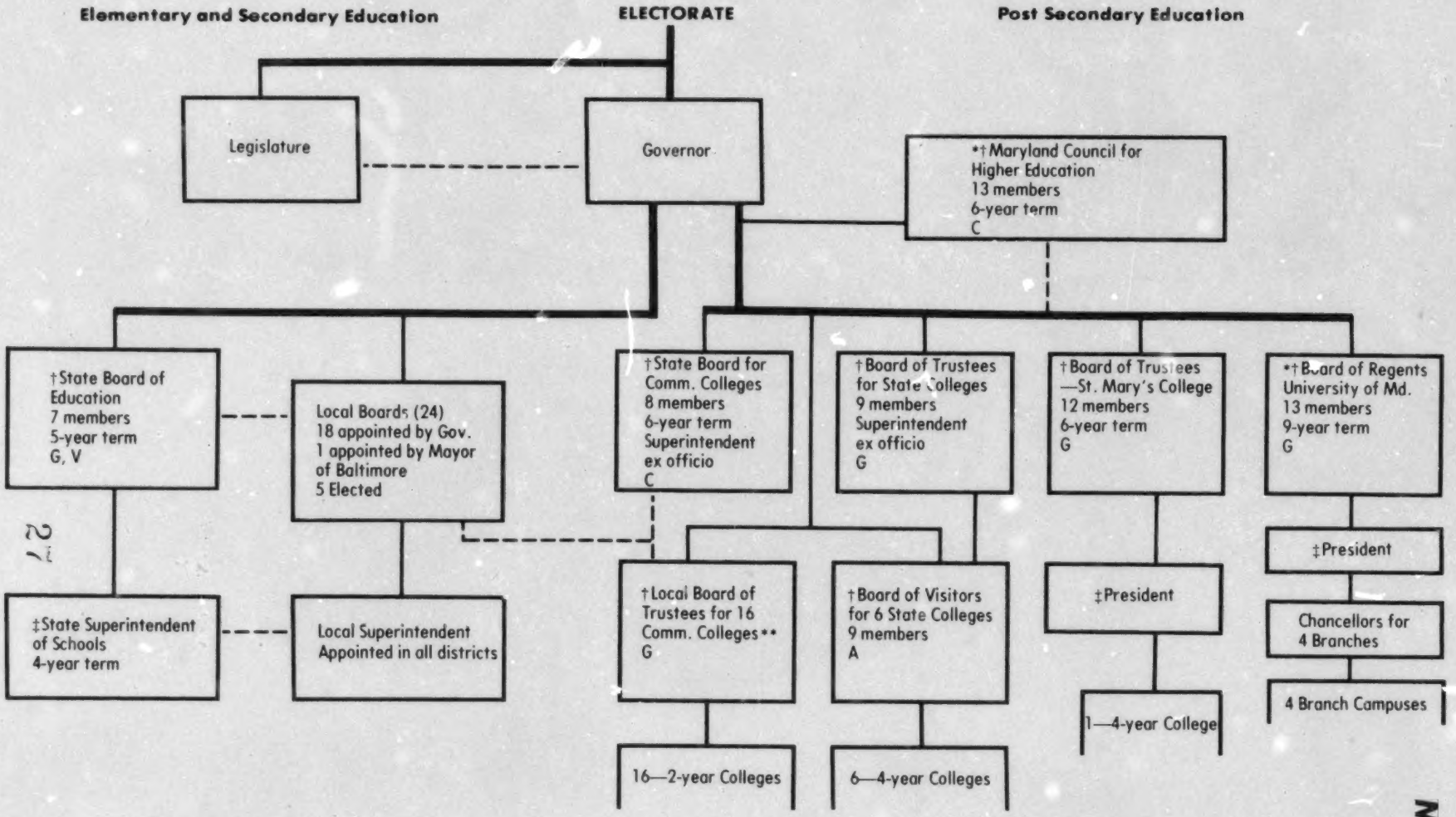
LOUISIANA

MAINE



'Appointed by Governor from list of 3 names provided by State Board and approved by Executive Council. (Council is elected by the Legislature.)
G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

MARYLAND



C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
A—Advisory board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

* Senate Confirms
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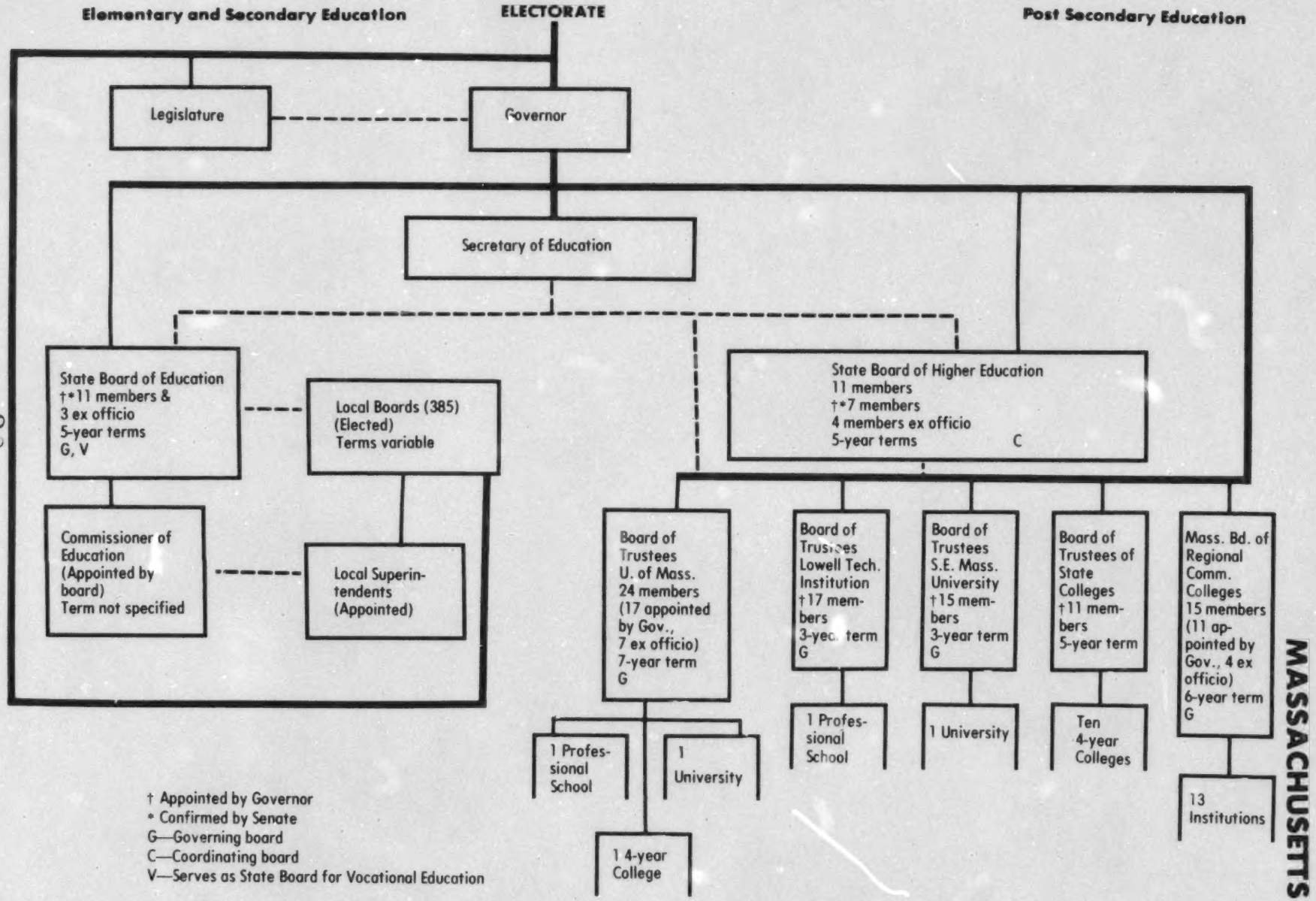
‡ Appointed by Board
** One Community College Board is also County Board of Education; Community College of Baltimore trustees are appointed by the mayor.

MARYLAND

MASSACHUSETTS



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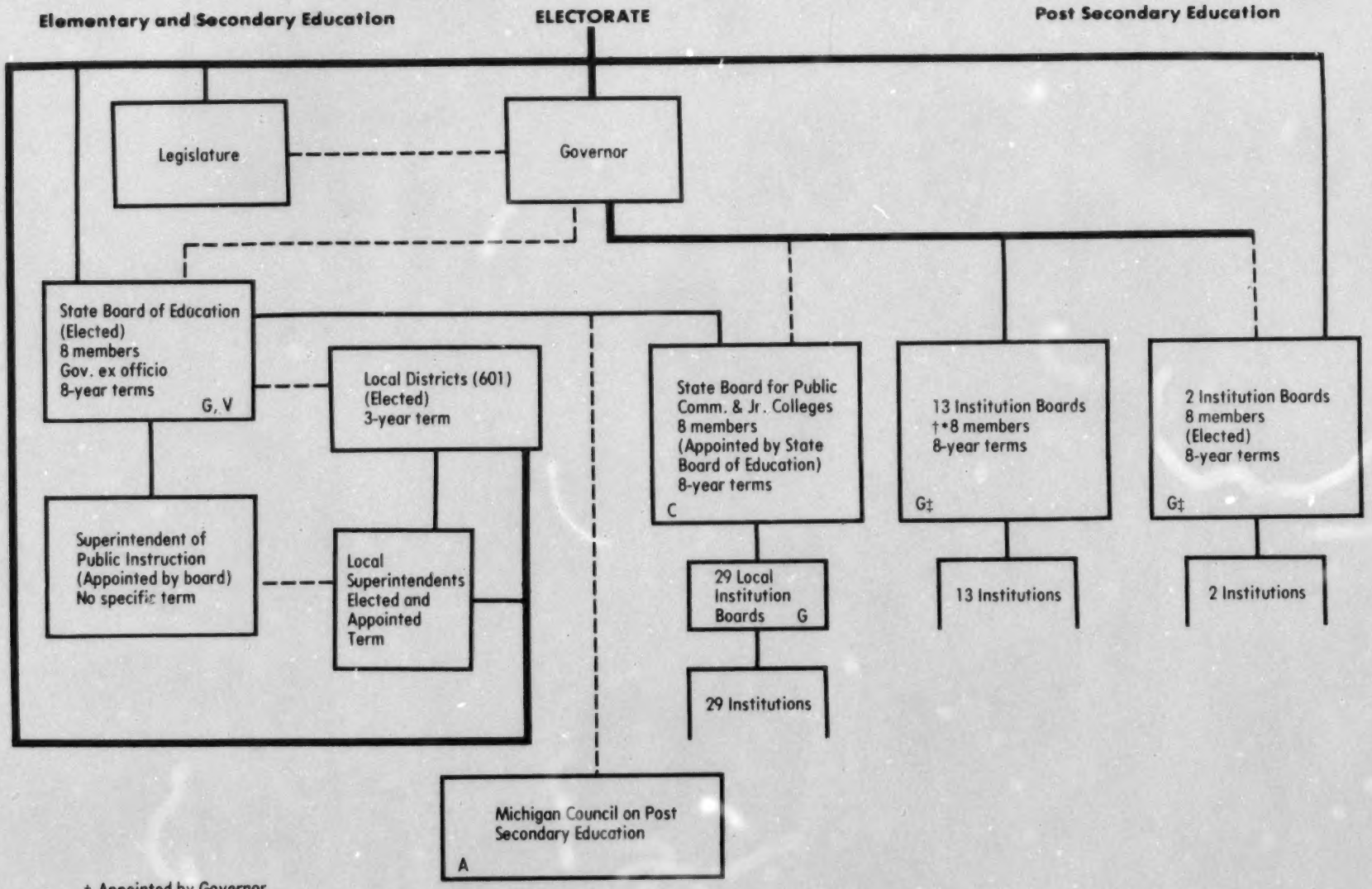

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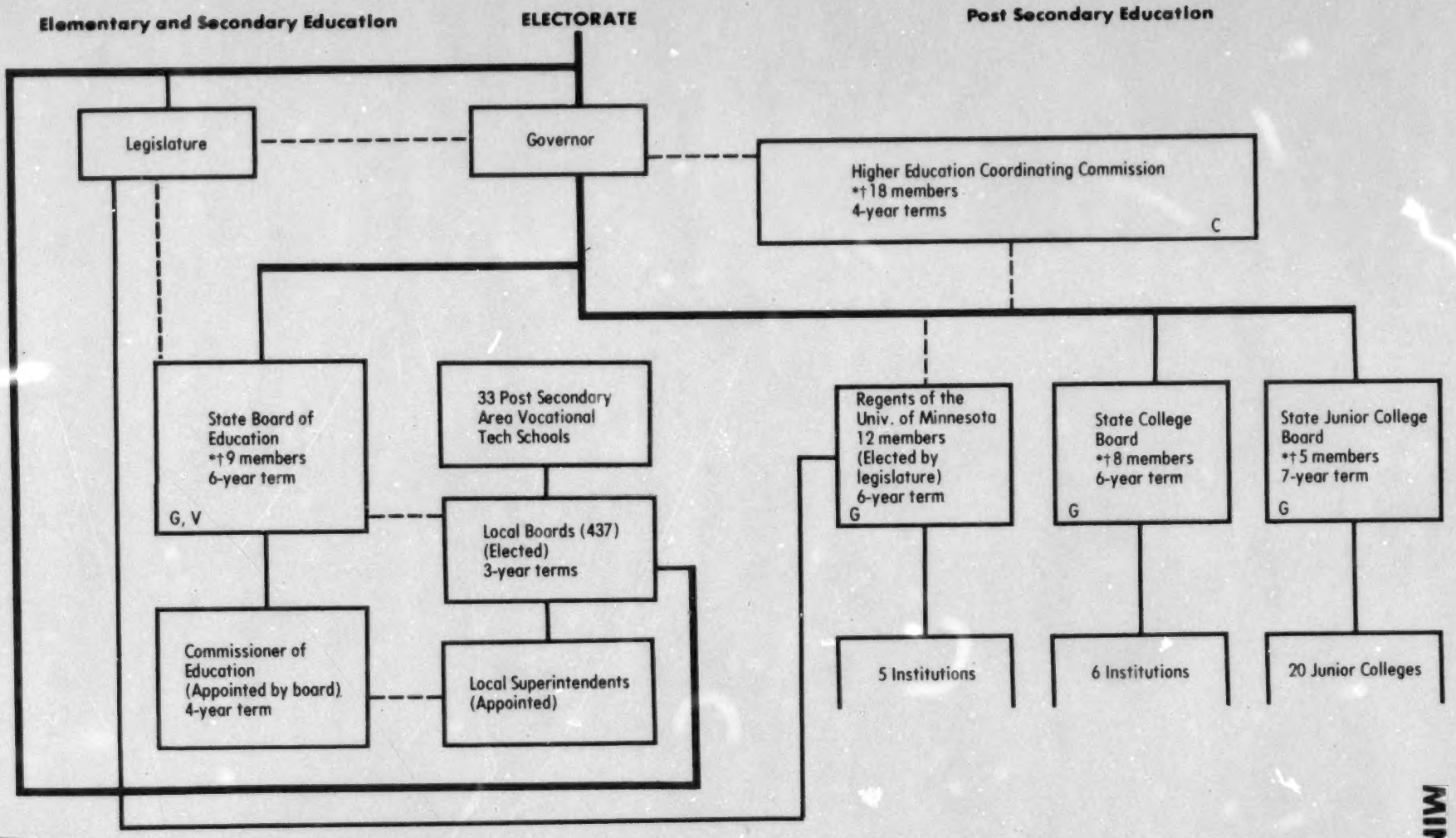
‡ State Board of Education serves as coordinating board
A—Advisory board

MICHIGAN

MINNESOTA



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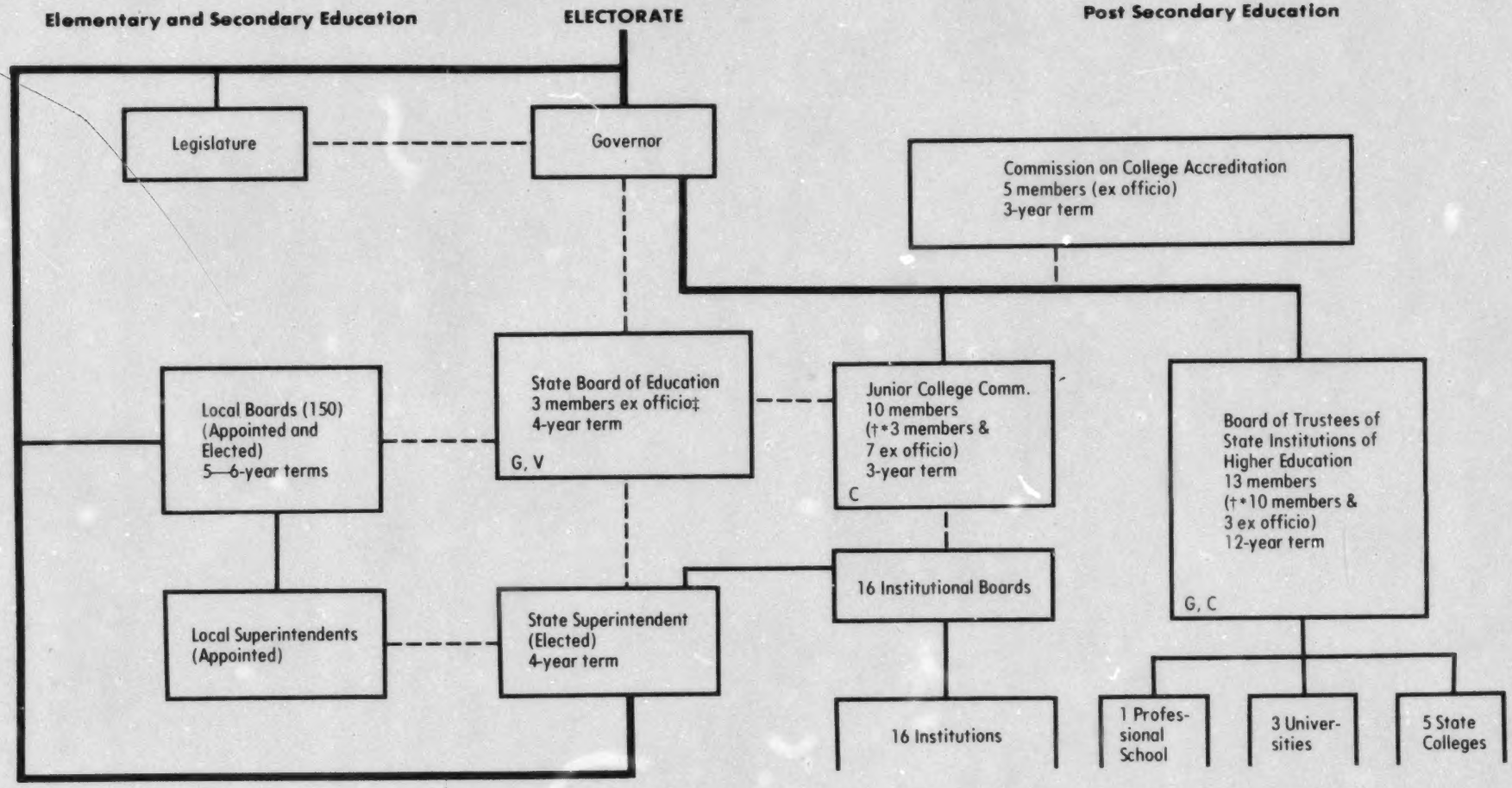

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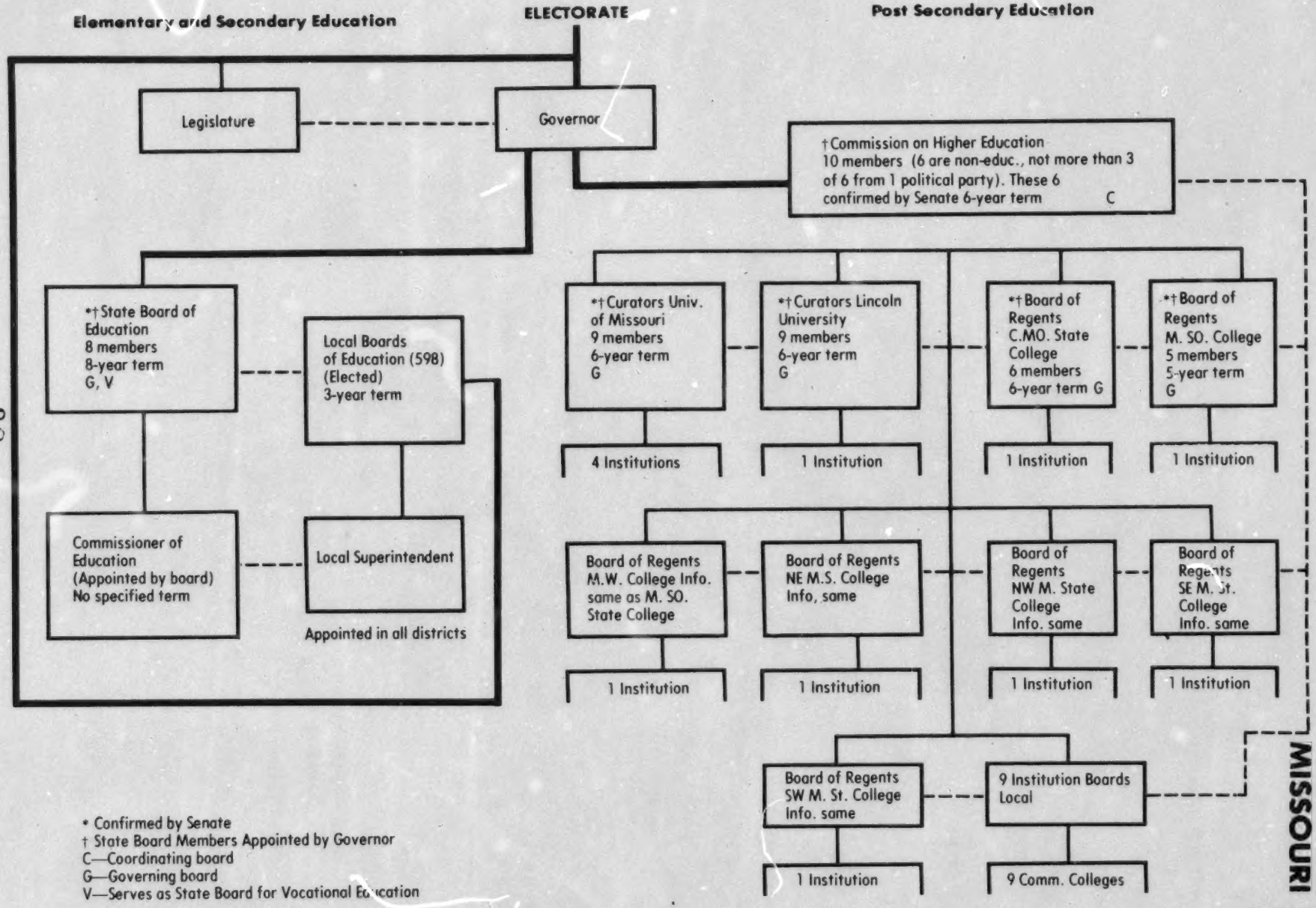

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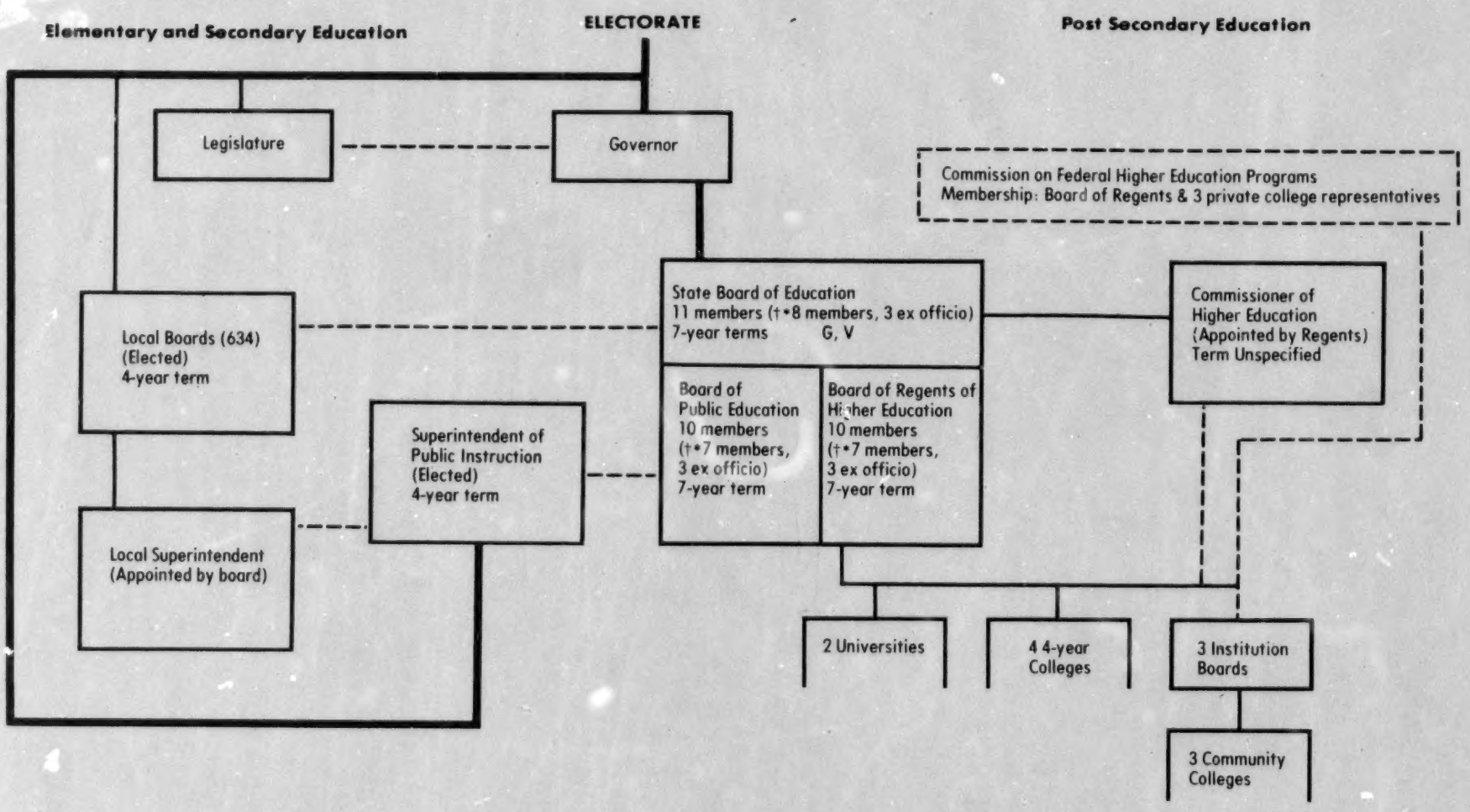
C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

MONTANA



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MONTANA

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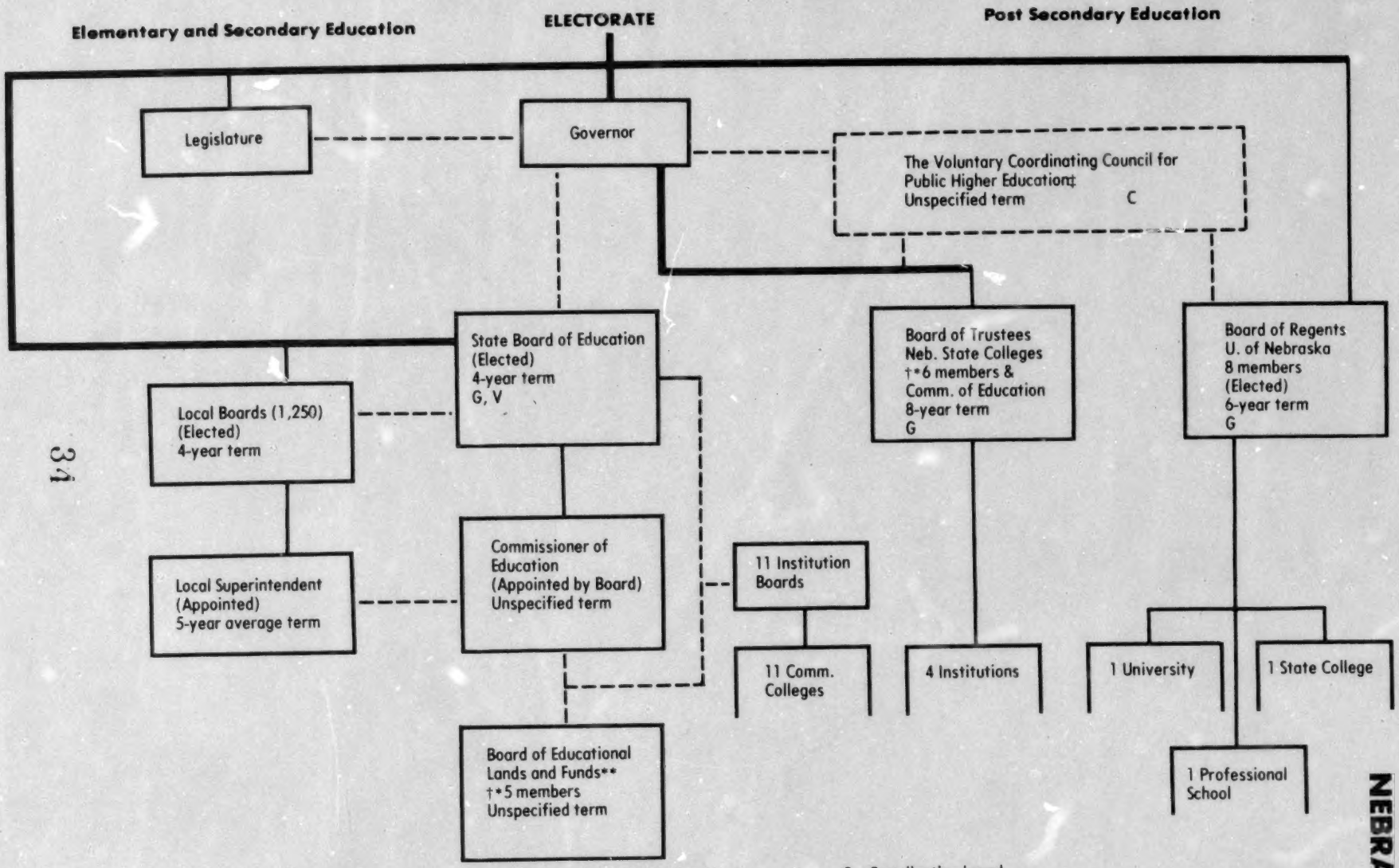

** Responsible for management & control of all public school lands (including higher education)
‡Consists of chief executive officer and board representation by the Regent of the U. of Neb., the State Colleges, and public junior colleges.
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G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

NEBRASKA

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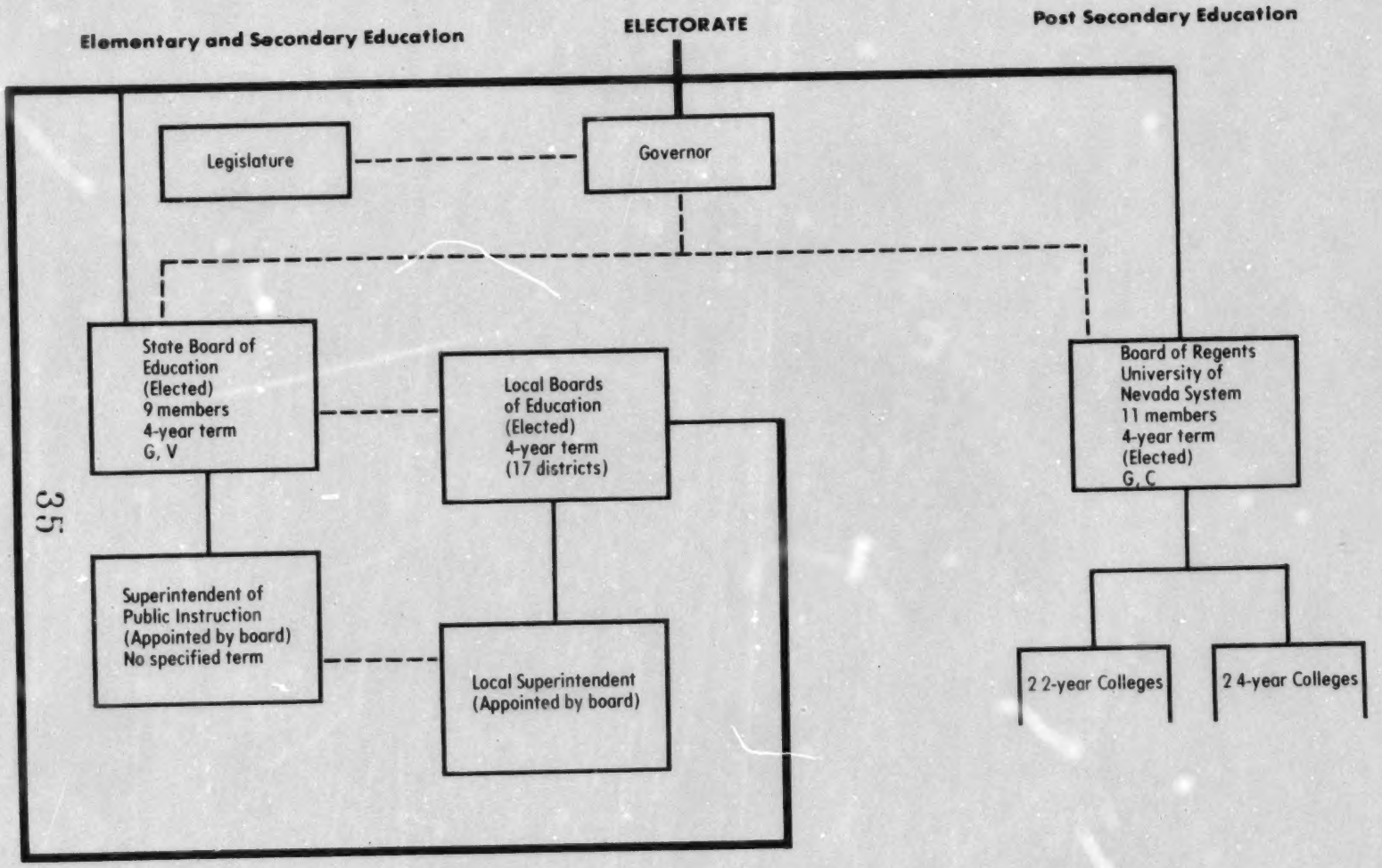
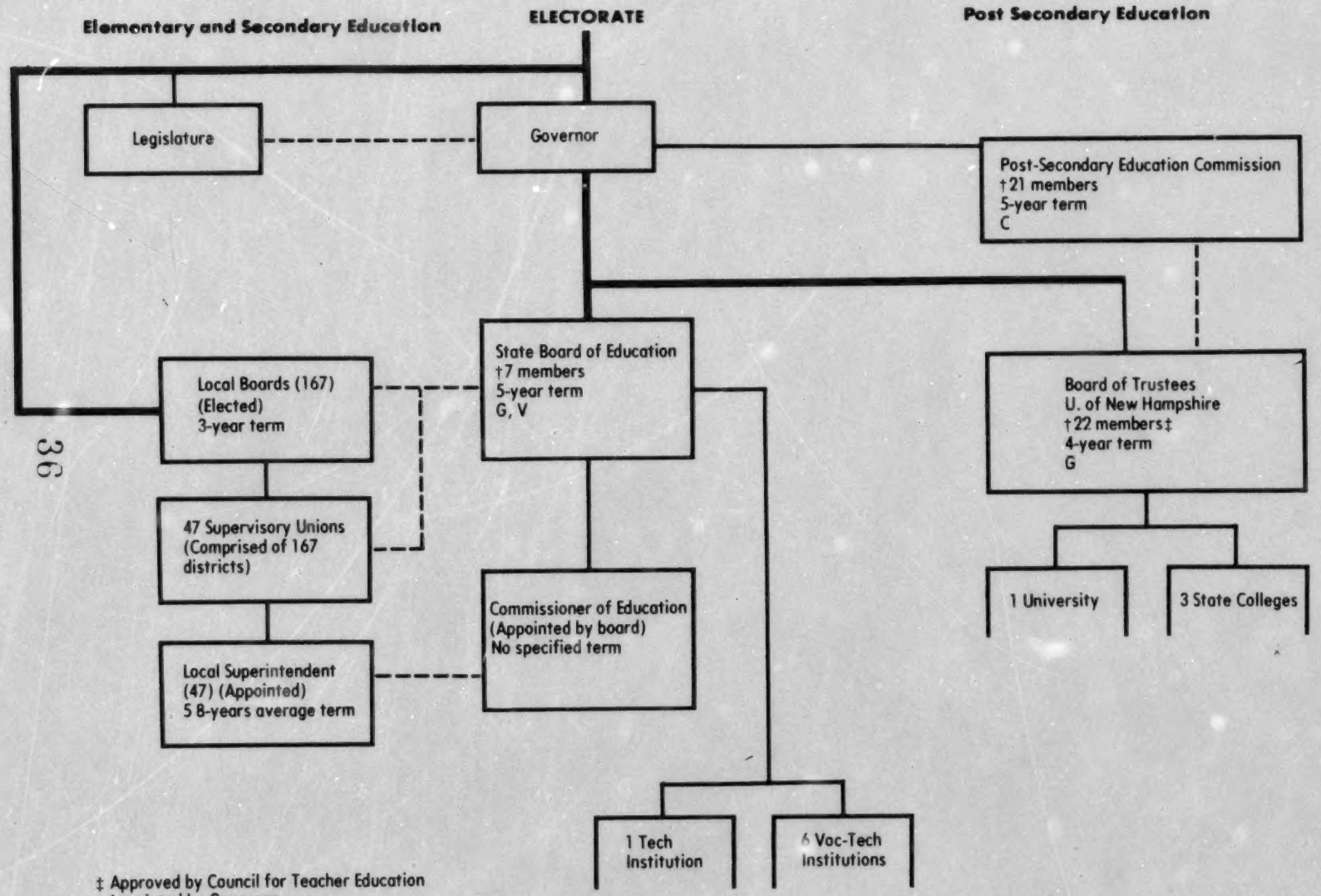

Elementary and Secondary Education
ELECTORATE
Post Secondary Education
Legislature
Governor
State Board of Education (Elected) 9 members 4-year term G, V
Local Boards of Education (Elected) 4-year term (17 districts)
Board of Regents University of Nevada System 11 members 4-year term (Elected) G, C
Superintendent of Public Instruction (Appointed by board) No specified term
Local Superintendent (Appointed by board)
2 2-year Colleges
2 4-year Colleges

C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
G—Governing board

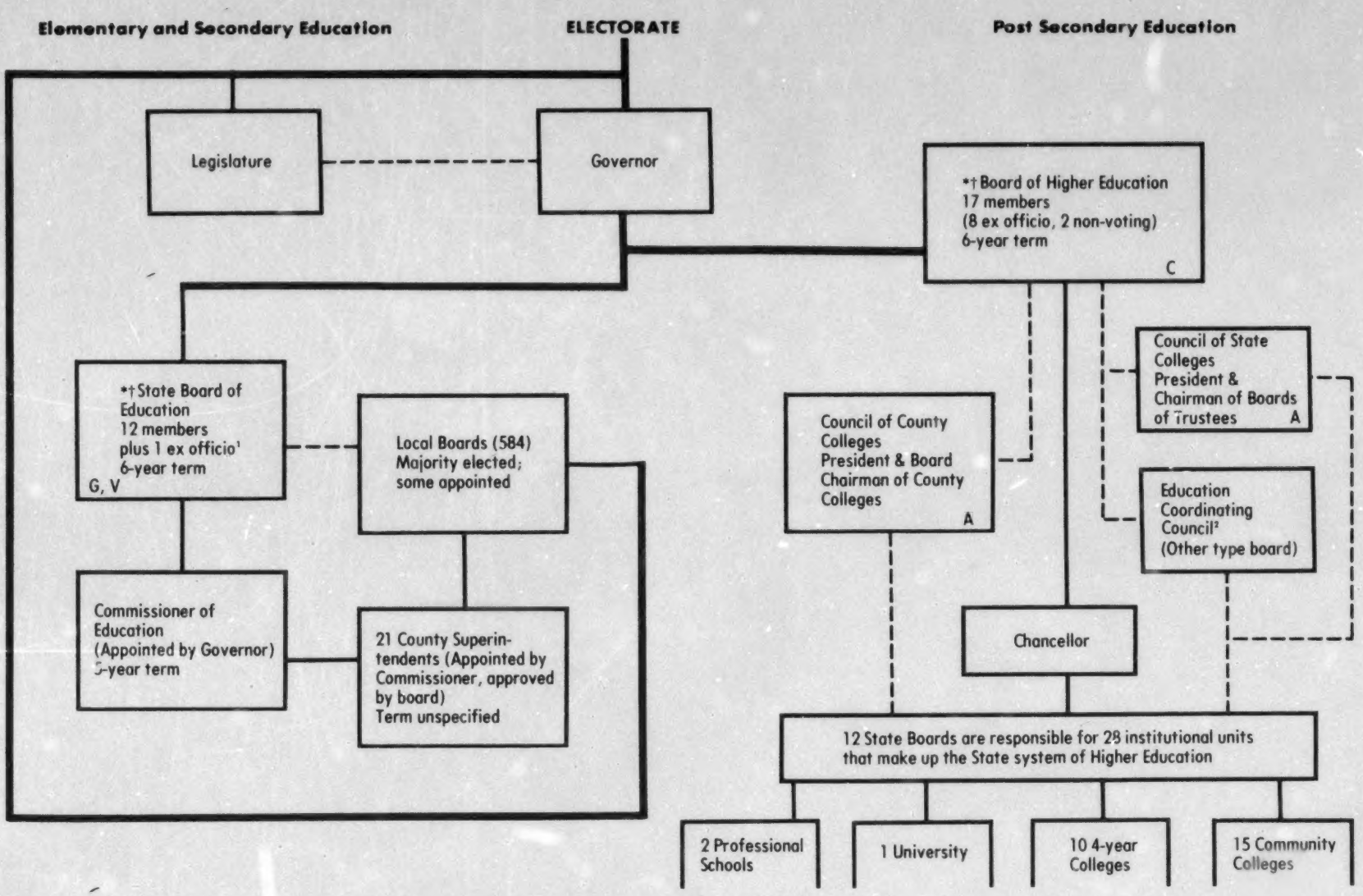
NEW HAMPSHIRE



‡ Approved by Council for Teacher Education
† Appointed by Governor
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW JERSEY



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* Senate confirms
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
A—Advisory board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

¹Board of Higher Education Representative
²Council consists of six members: the president of the State Board of Education, the chairman of State Board of Higher Education, the Commissioner of Education, the chancellor of the department of higher education, one citizen member of the State Board of Education, and one citizen member of the Board of Higher Education.

NEW JERSEY

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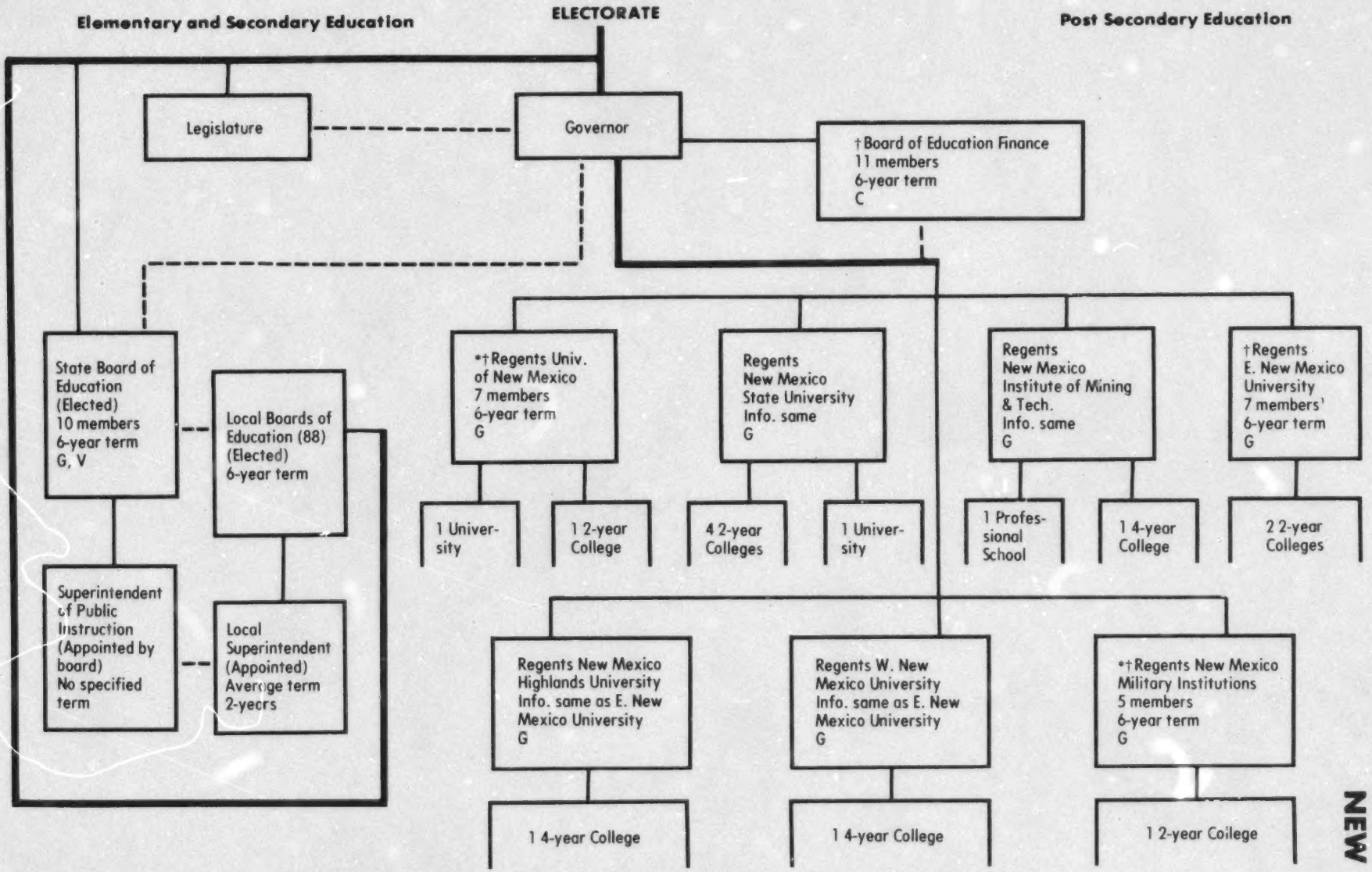
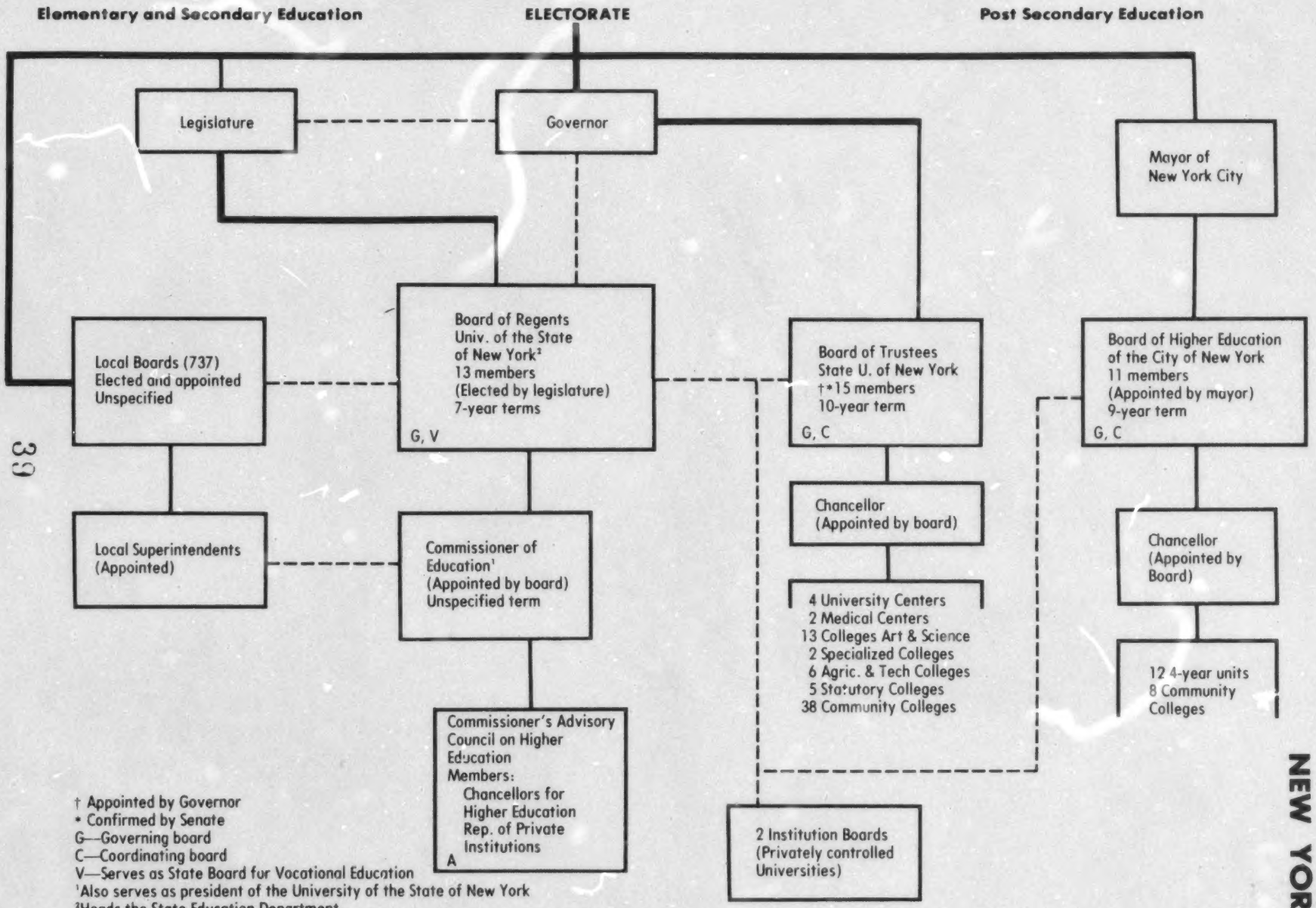


C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
* Confirmed by Senate
† State Board members appointed by Governor
[1]Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction—ex officio

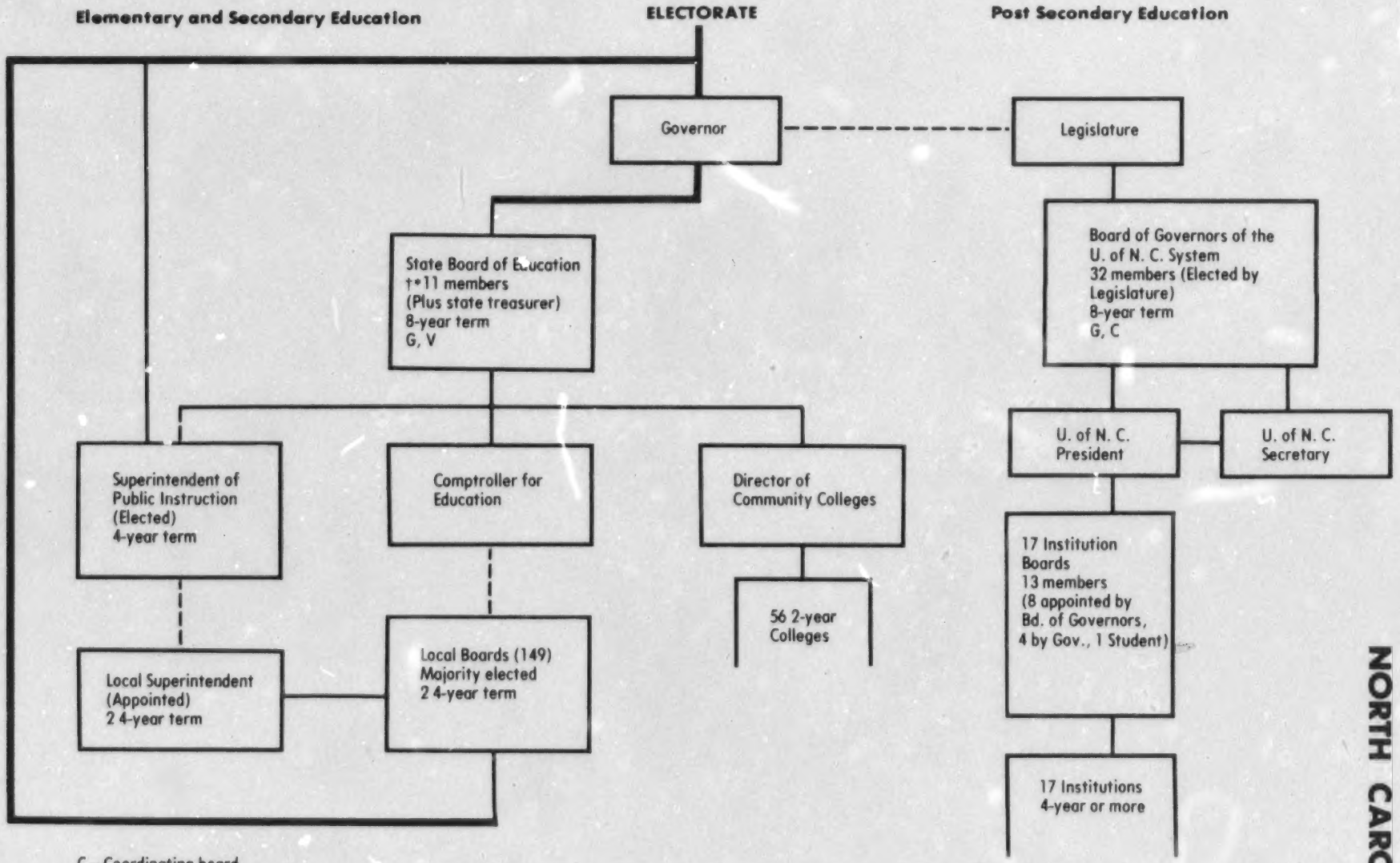
NEW YORK


Elementary and Secondary Education
ELECTORATE
Post Secondary Education
Legislature
Governor
Mayor of New York City
Local Boards (737) Elected and appointed Unspecified
Board of Regents Univ. of the State of New York[2] 13 members (Elected by legislature) 7-year terms
G, V
Board of Trustees State U. of New York †*15 members 10-year term
G, C
Board of Higher Education of the City of New York 11 members (Appointed by mayor) 9-year term
G, C
Local Superintendents (Appointed)
Commissioner of Education[1] (Appointed by board) Unspecified term
Chancellor (Appointed by board)
Chancellor (Appointed by Board)
4 University Centers
2 Medical Centers
13 Colleges Art & Science
2 Specialized Colleges
6 Agric. & Tech Colleges
5 Statutory Colleges
38 Community Colleges
12 4-year units
8 Community Colleges
Commissioner's Advisory Council on Higher Education
Members:
Chancellors for Higher Education
Rep. of Private Institutions
A
2 Institution Boards (Privately controlled Universities)

† Appointed by Governor
* Confirmed by Senate
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
[1]Also serves as president of the University of the State of New York
[2]Heads the State Education Department
A—Advisory board

NEW YORK

NORTH CAROLINA



C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
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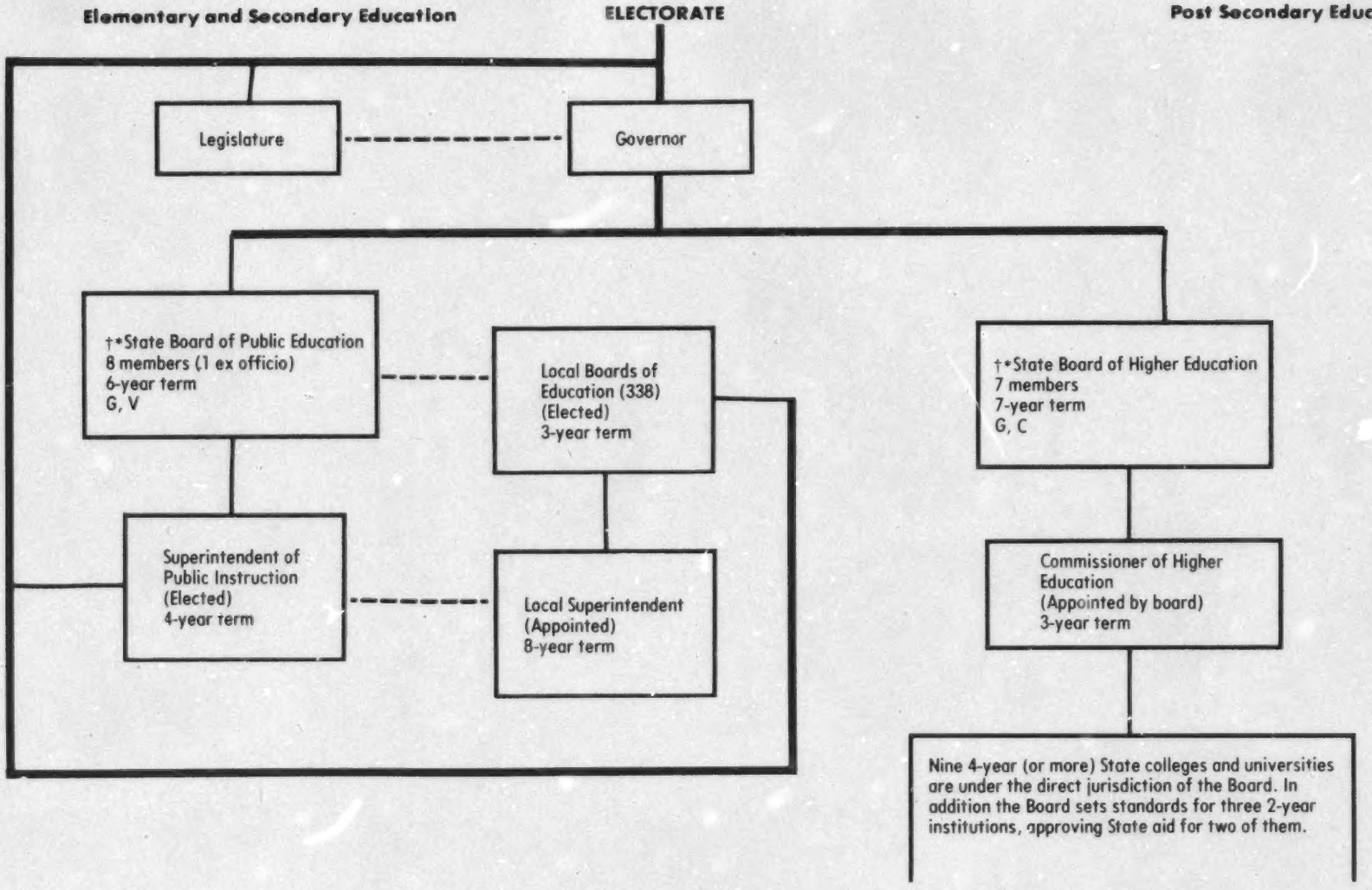
• Confirmed by Senate

NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH DAKOTA



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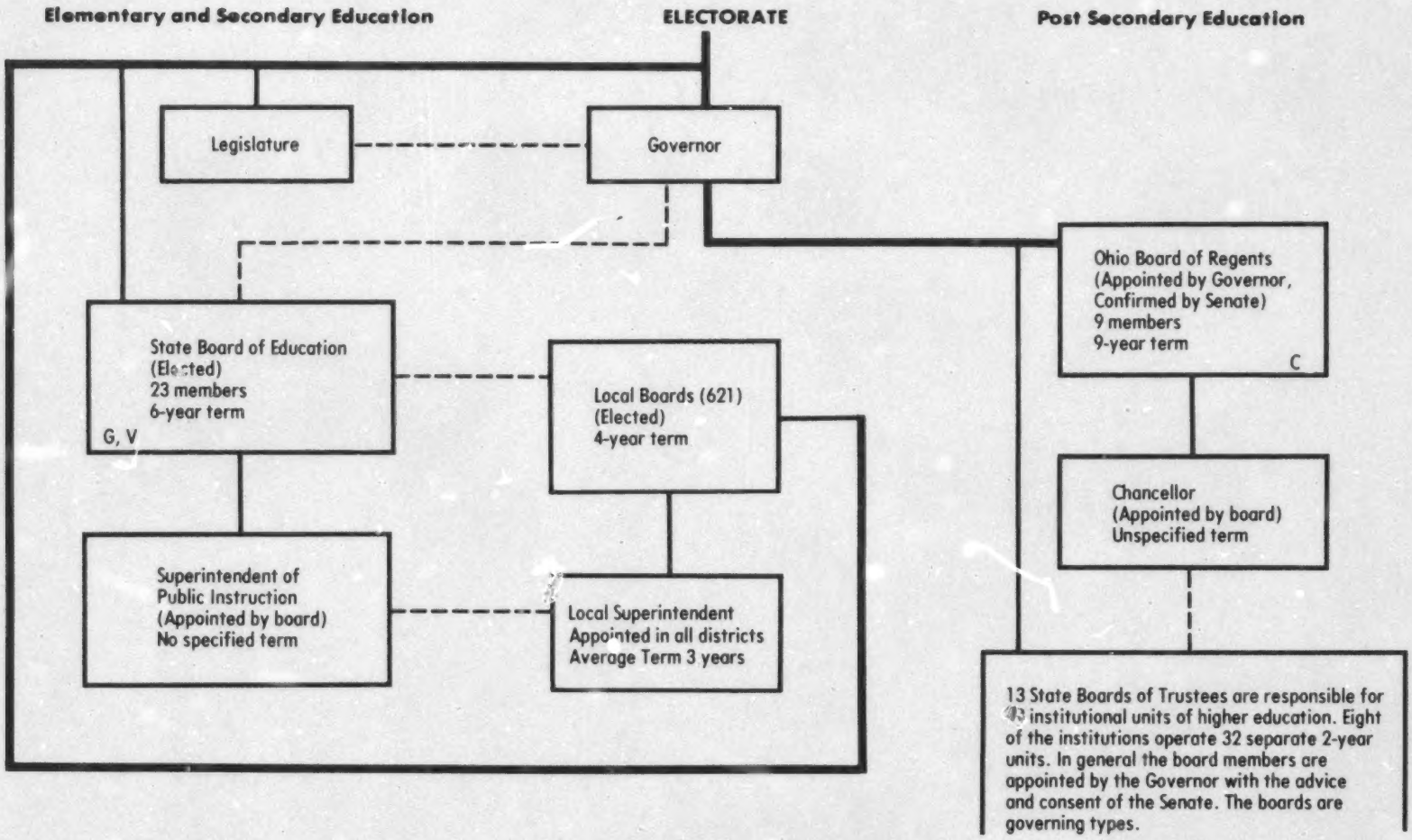
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
† Appointed by Governor
* Confirmed by Senate

OHIO



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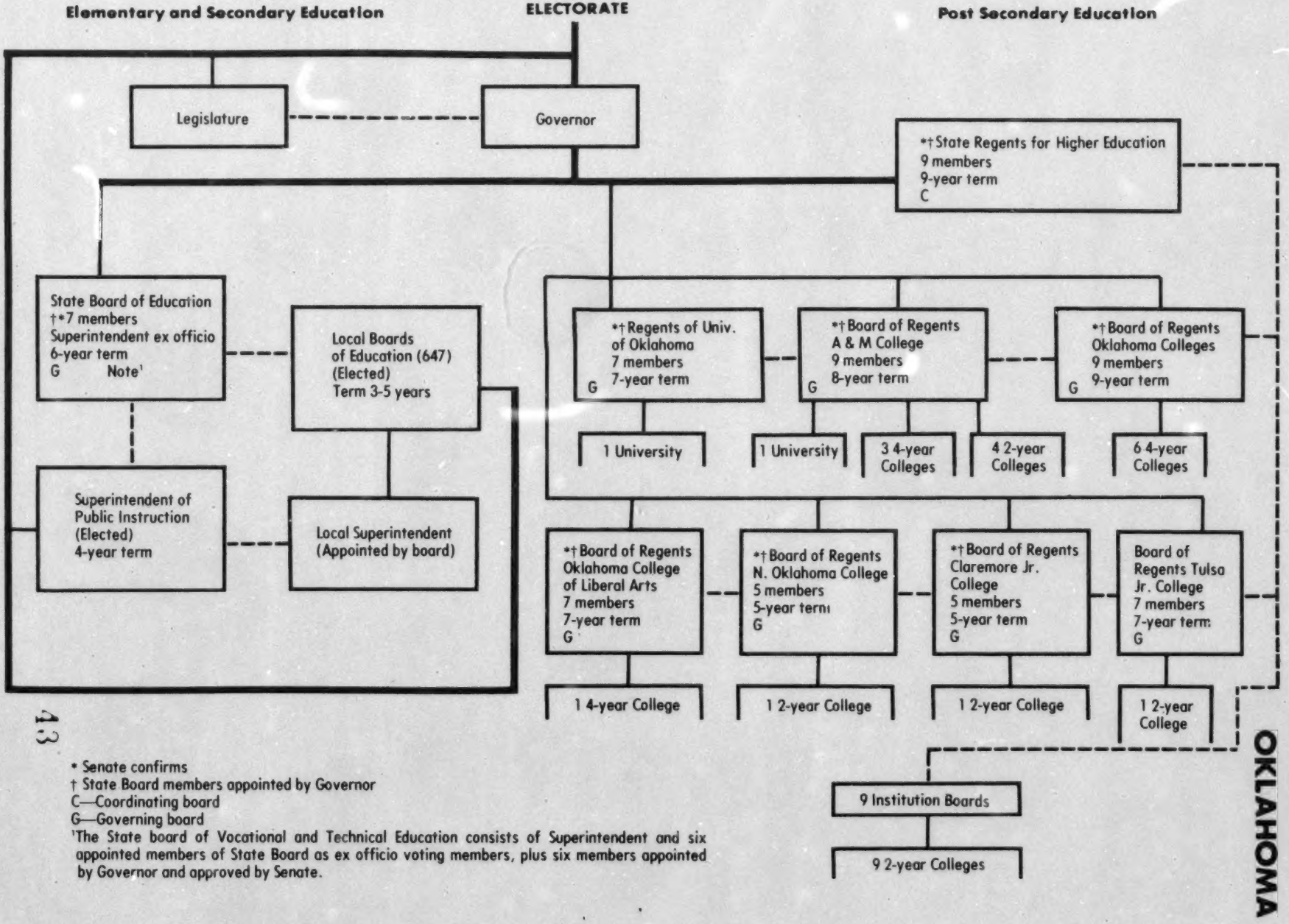
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

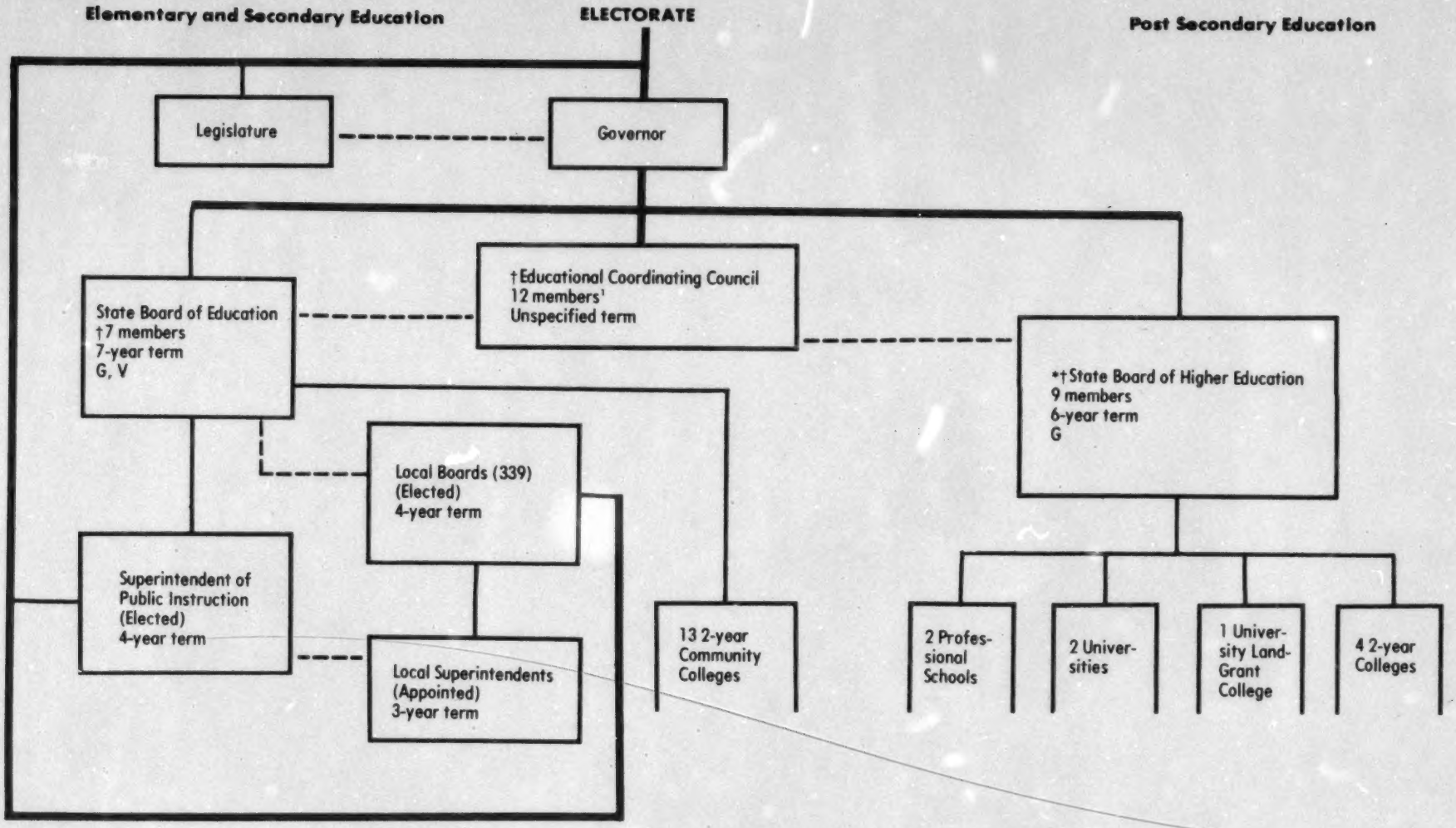
OKLAHOMA



* Senate confirms
† State Board members appointed by Governor
C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
[1]The State board of Vocational and Technical Education consists of Superintendent and six appointed members of State Board as ex officio voting members, plus six members appointed by Governor and approved by Senate.

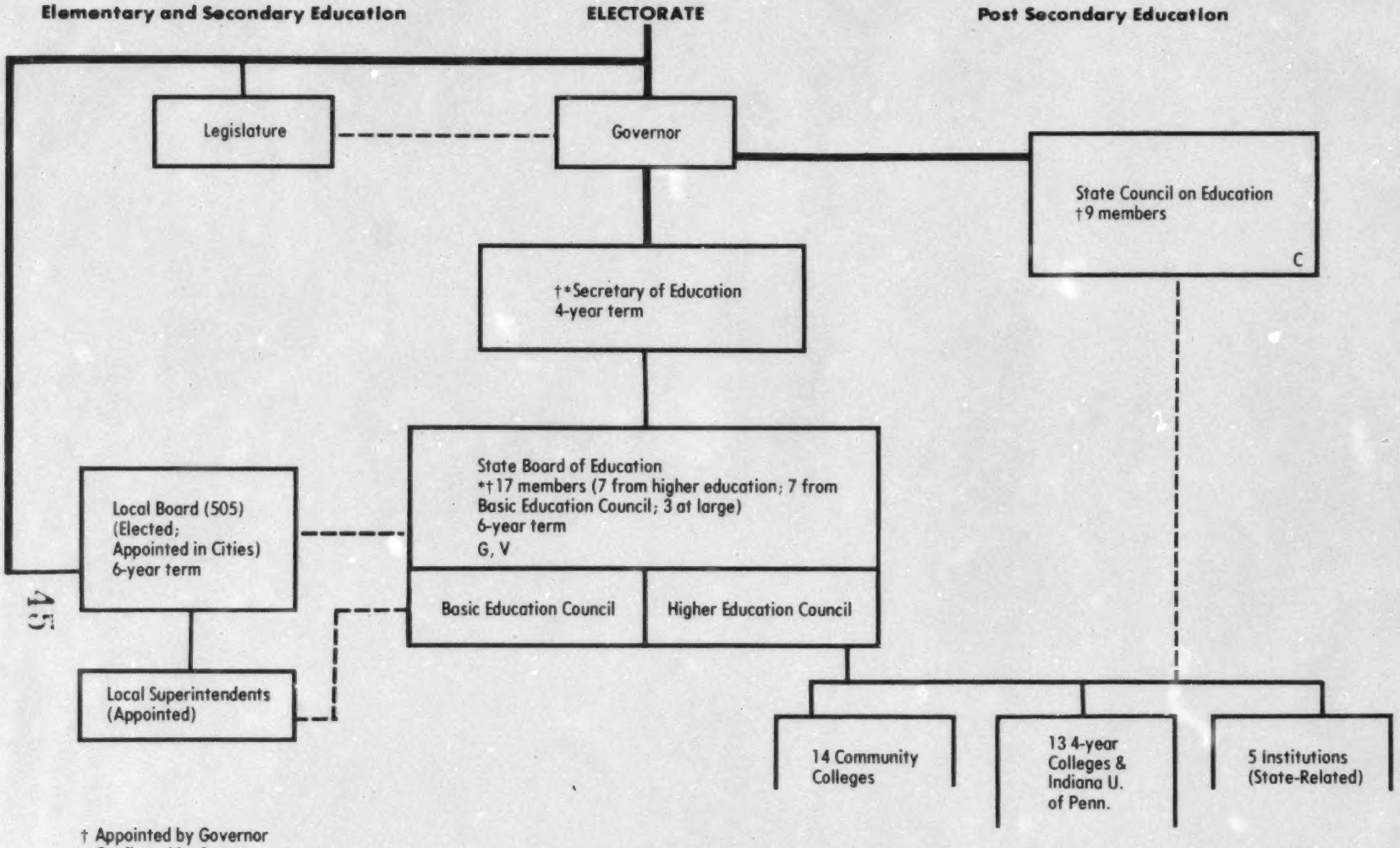
OKLAHOMA

OREGON



¹Composed of educators, legislators, a student, & general public. Deals with public & private sectors.
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
* Senate confirms
† Appointed by Governor

PENNSYLVANIA



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G—Governing board
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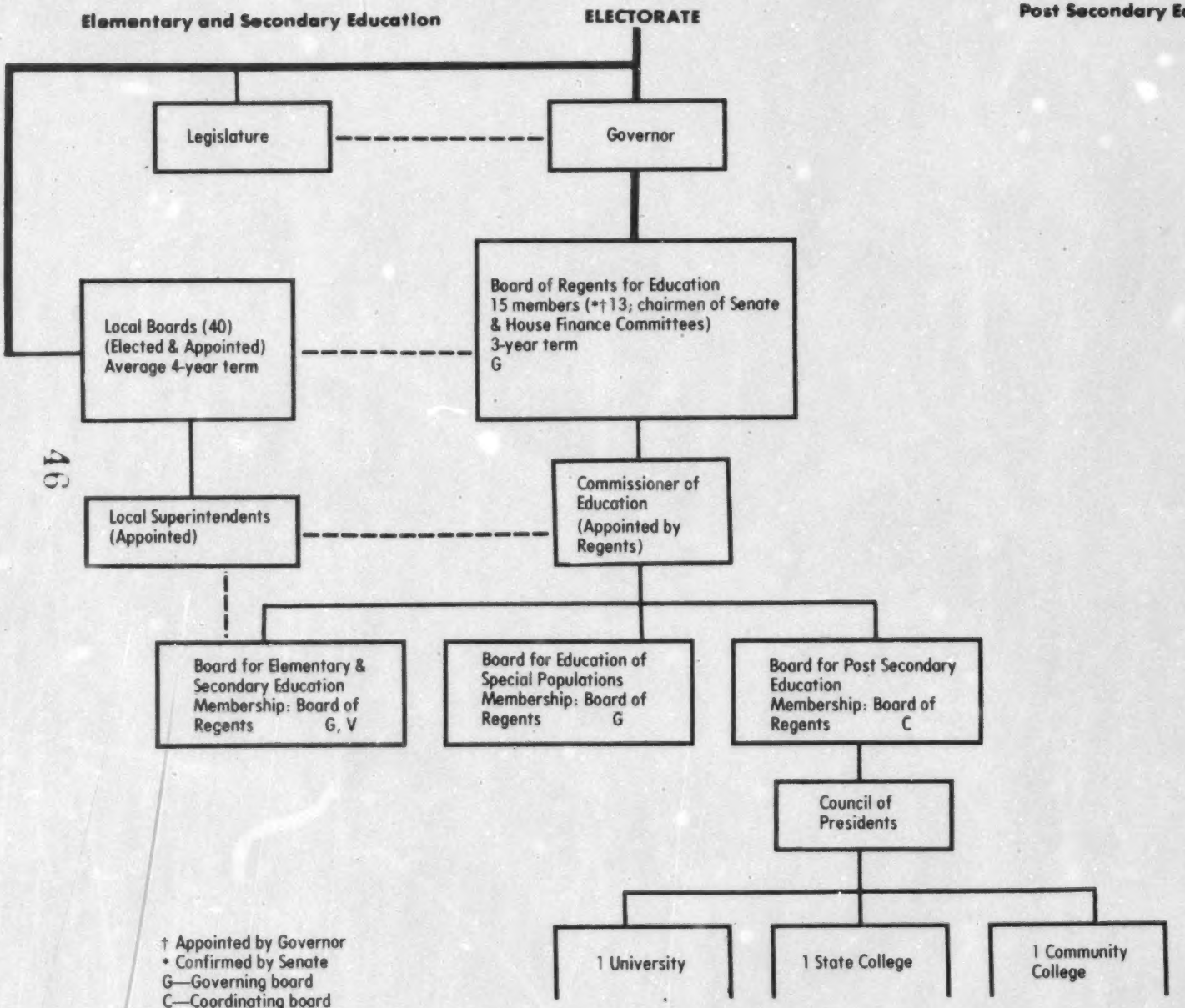
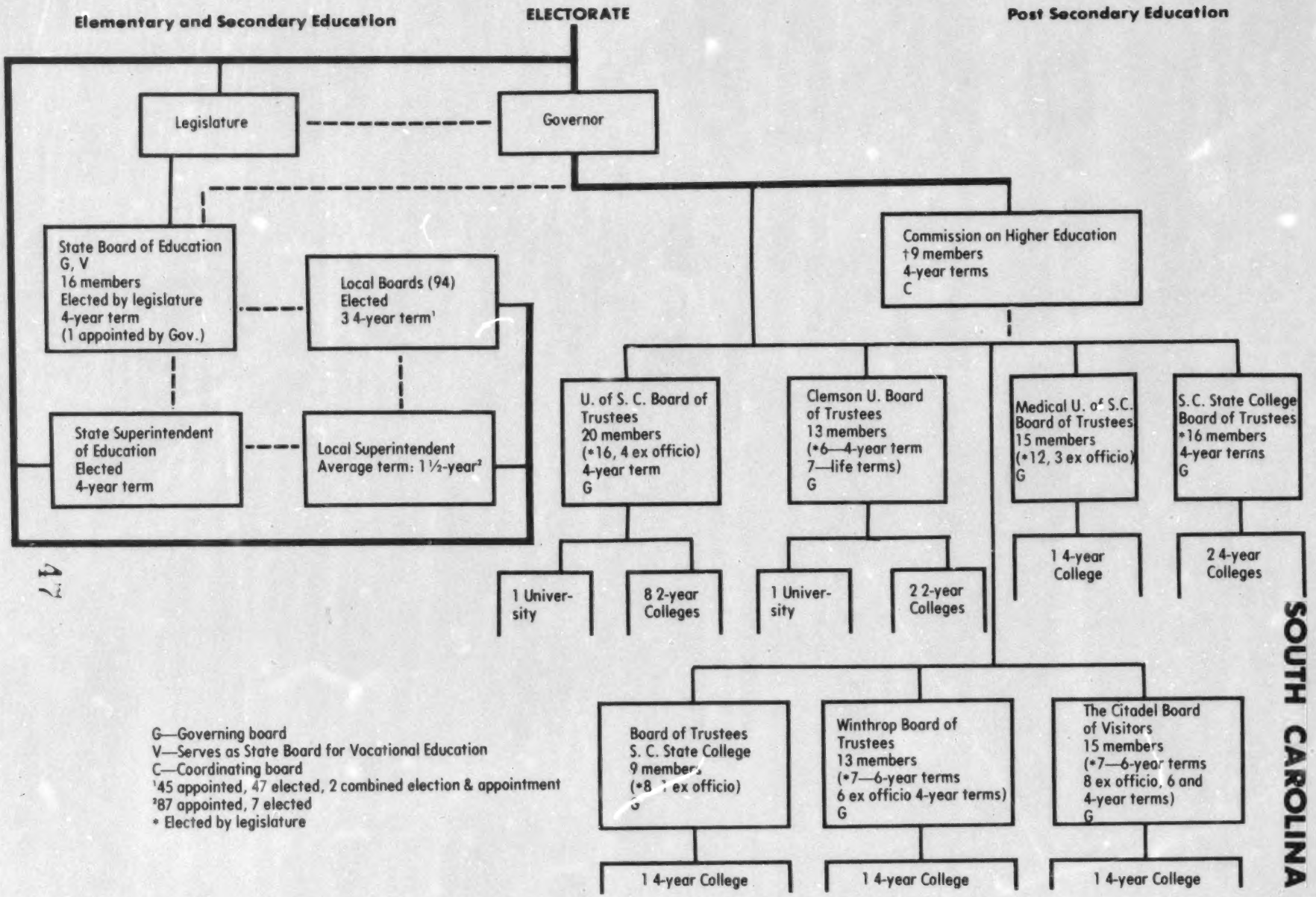
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education

RHODE ISLAND



RHODE ISLAND

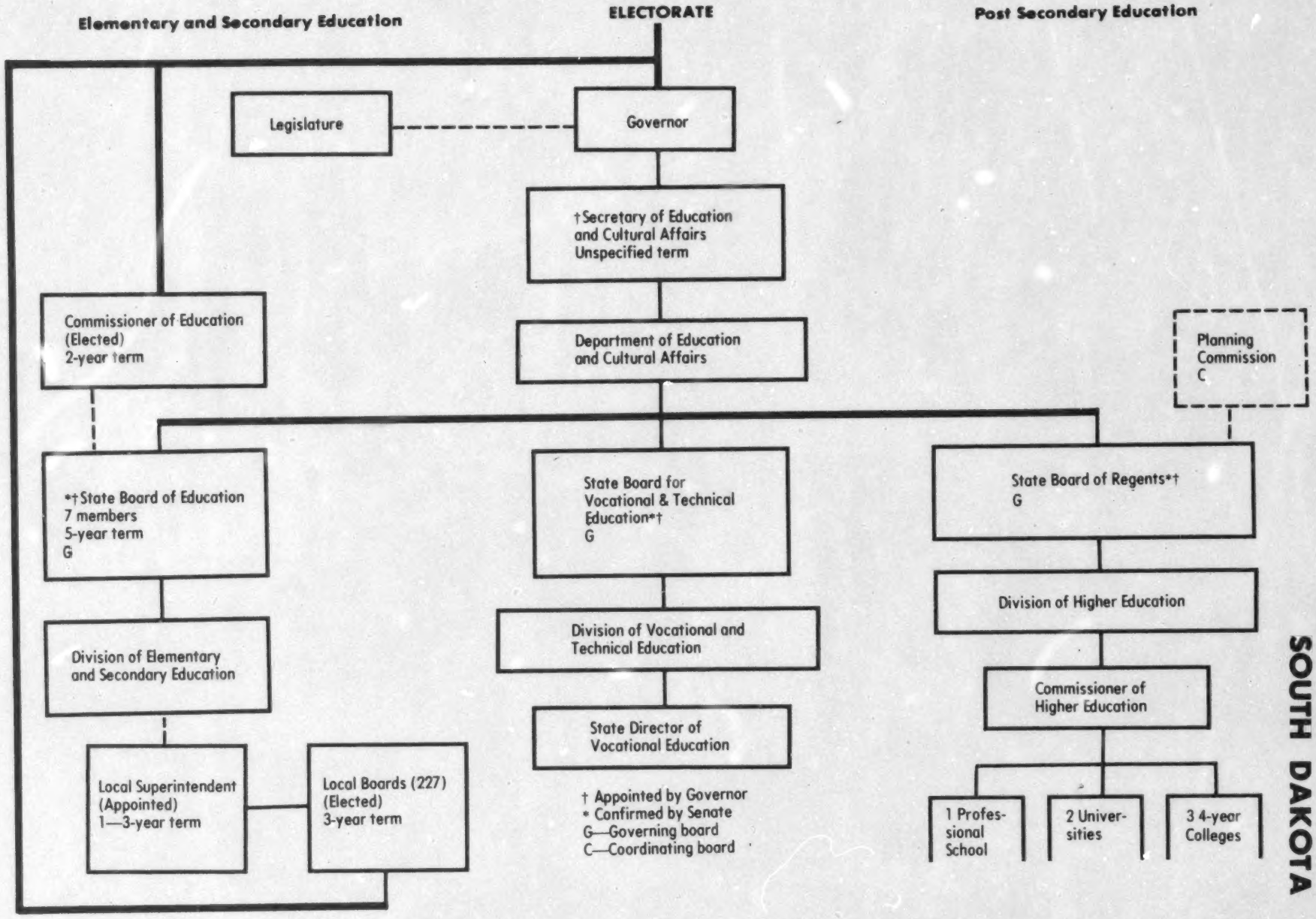
SOUTH CAROLINA



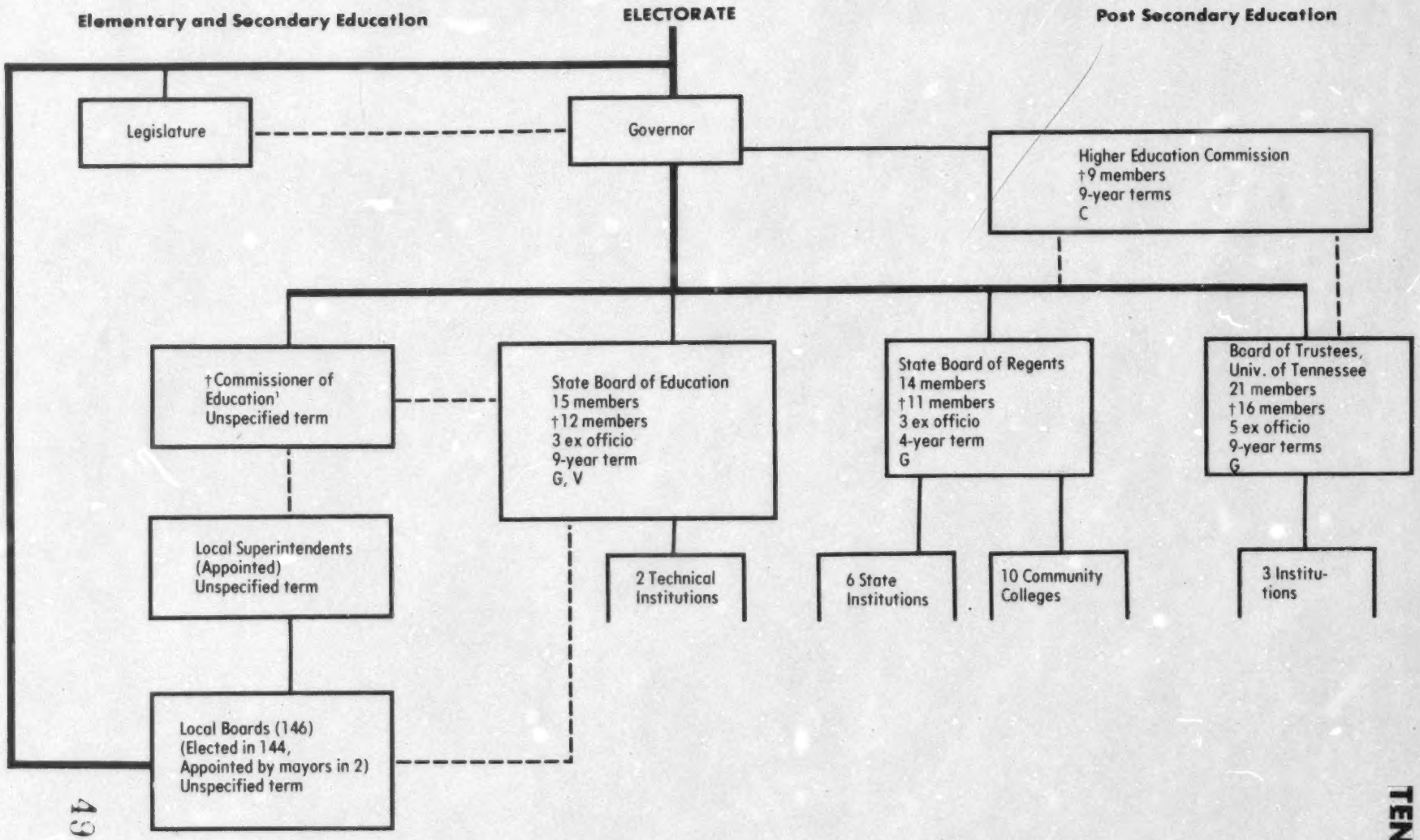
G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
C—Coordinating board
[1]45 appointed, 47 elected, 2 combined election & appointment
[2]87 appointed, 7 elected
* Elected by legislature

SOUTH CAROLINA

SOUTH DAKOTA


Elementary and Secondary Education
ELECTORATE
Post Secondary Education
Legislature
Governor
†Secretary of Education and Cultural Affairs Unspecified term
Commissioner of Education (Elected) 2-year term
Department of Education and Cultural Affairs
Planning Commission C
*†State Board of Education 7 members 5-year term G
State Board for Vocational & Technical Education*† G
State Board of Regents*† G
Division of Higher Education
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Division of Vocational and Technical Education
Commissioner of Higher Education
Local Superintendent (Appointed) 1—3-year term
Local Boards (227) (Elected) 3-year term
State Director of Vocational Education
† Appointed by Governor
* Confirmed by Senate
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
1 Professional School
2 Universities
3 4-year Colleges
SOUTH DAKOTA

TENNESSEE



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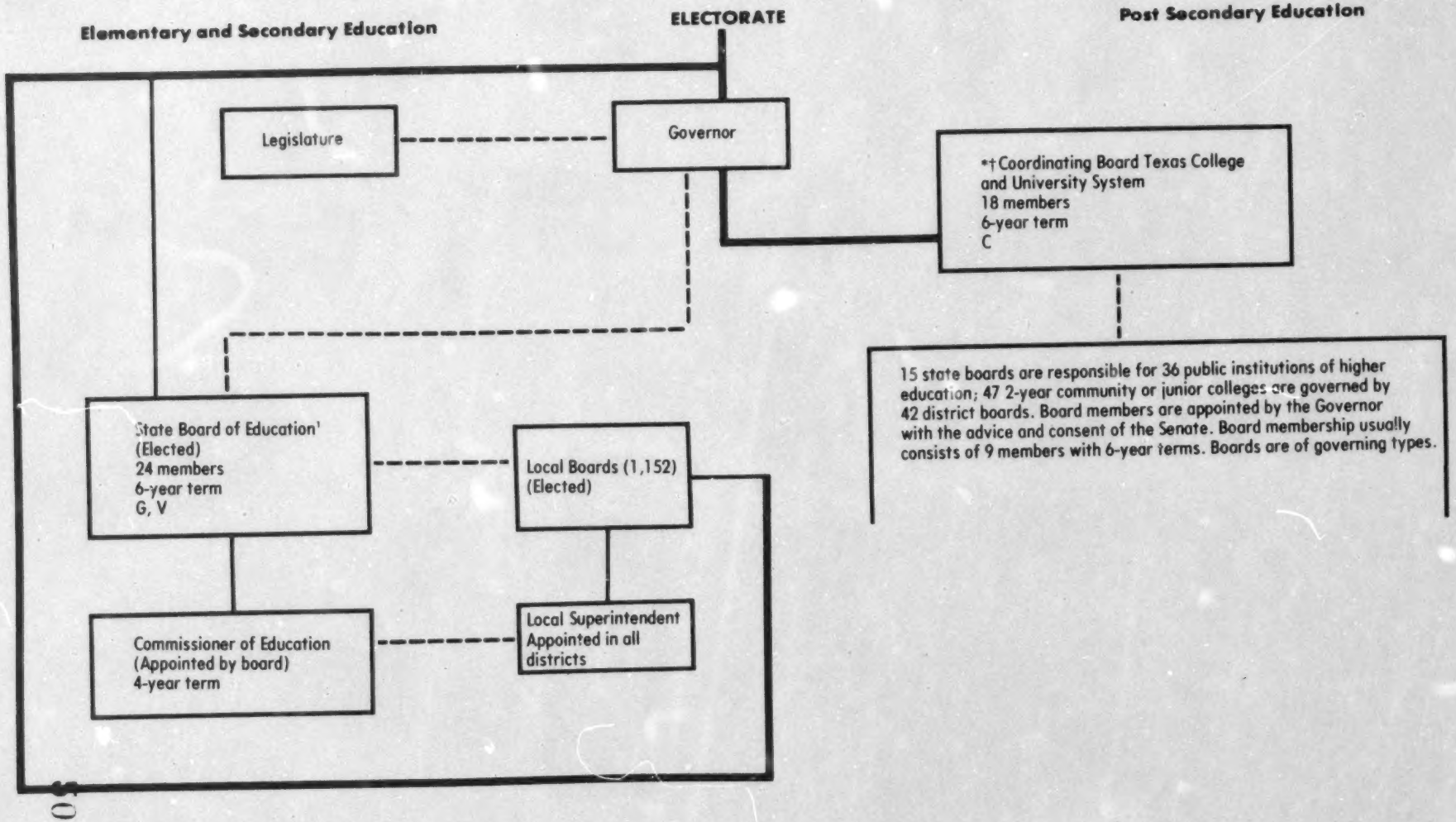
G—Governing board
C—Coordinating board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
[1]Serves as cabinet member

TEXAS


Elementary and Secondary Education
ELECTORATE
Post Secondary Education
Legislature
Governor
*†Coordinating Board Texas College and University System
18 members
6-year term
C
15 state boards are responsible for 36 public institutions of higher education; 47 2-year community or junior colleges are governed by 42 district boards. Board members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Board membership usually consists of 9 members with 6-year terms. Boards are of governing types.
State Board of Education'
(Elected)
24 members
6-year term
G, V
Local Boards (1,152)
(Elected)
Commissioner of Education
(Appointed by board)
4-year term
Local Superintendent
Appointed in all districts

'State Board serves as one part of the Texas Education Agency. TEA also includes the State Board for Vocational Education, & State Commission of Education. The Commissioner of Education serves as executive officer of the TEA, and as executive secretary of the State Board of Education, and of the State Board for Vocational Education.

C—Coordinating board

G—Governing board

* Senate confirms

†State Board members appointed by Governor

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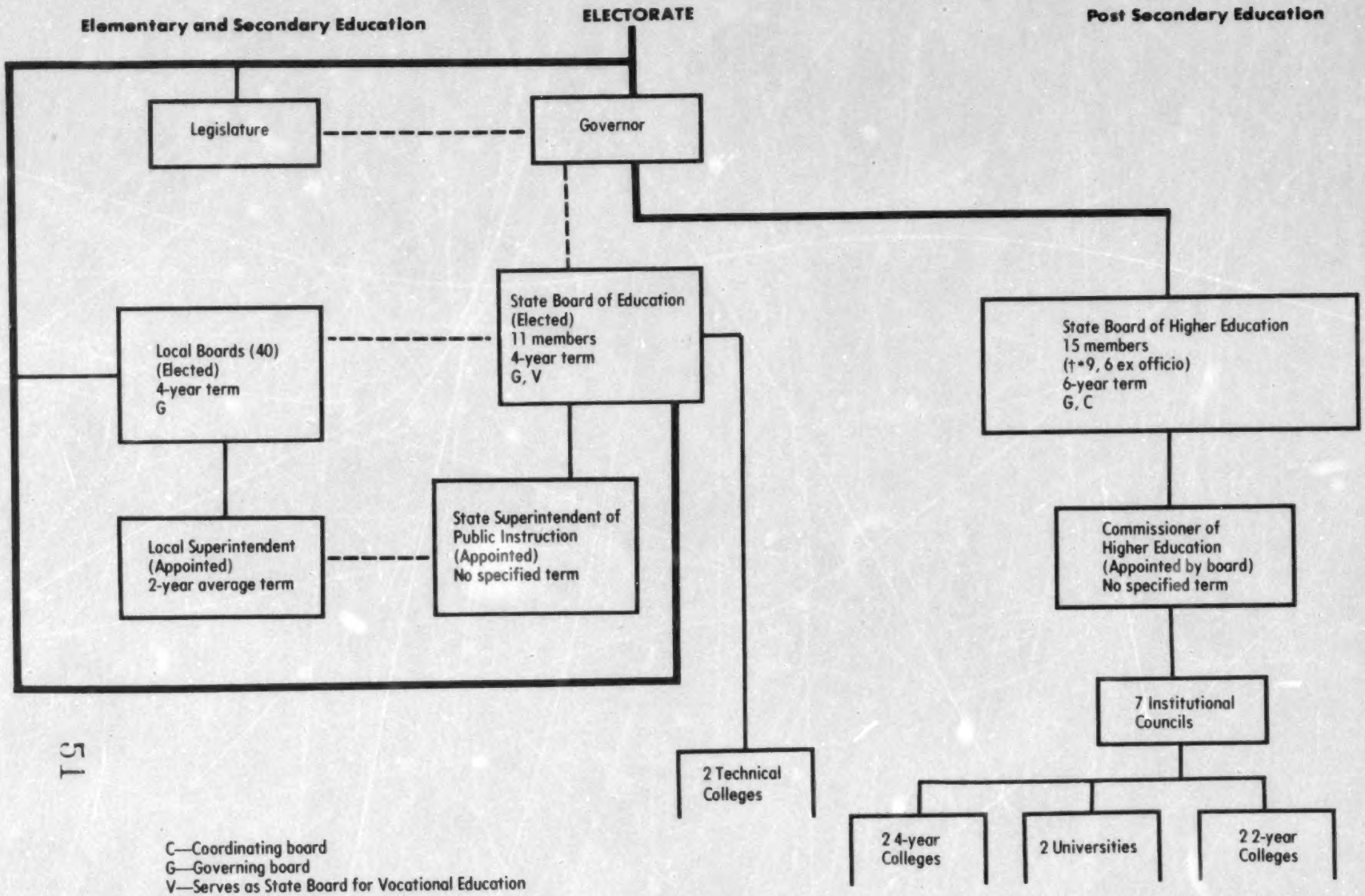

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G—Governing board
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
†Appointed by Governor
*Approved by Senate

UTAH

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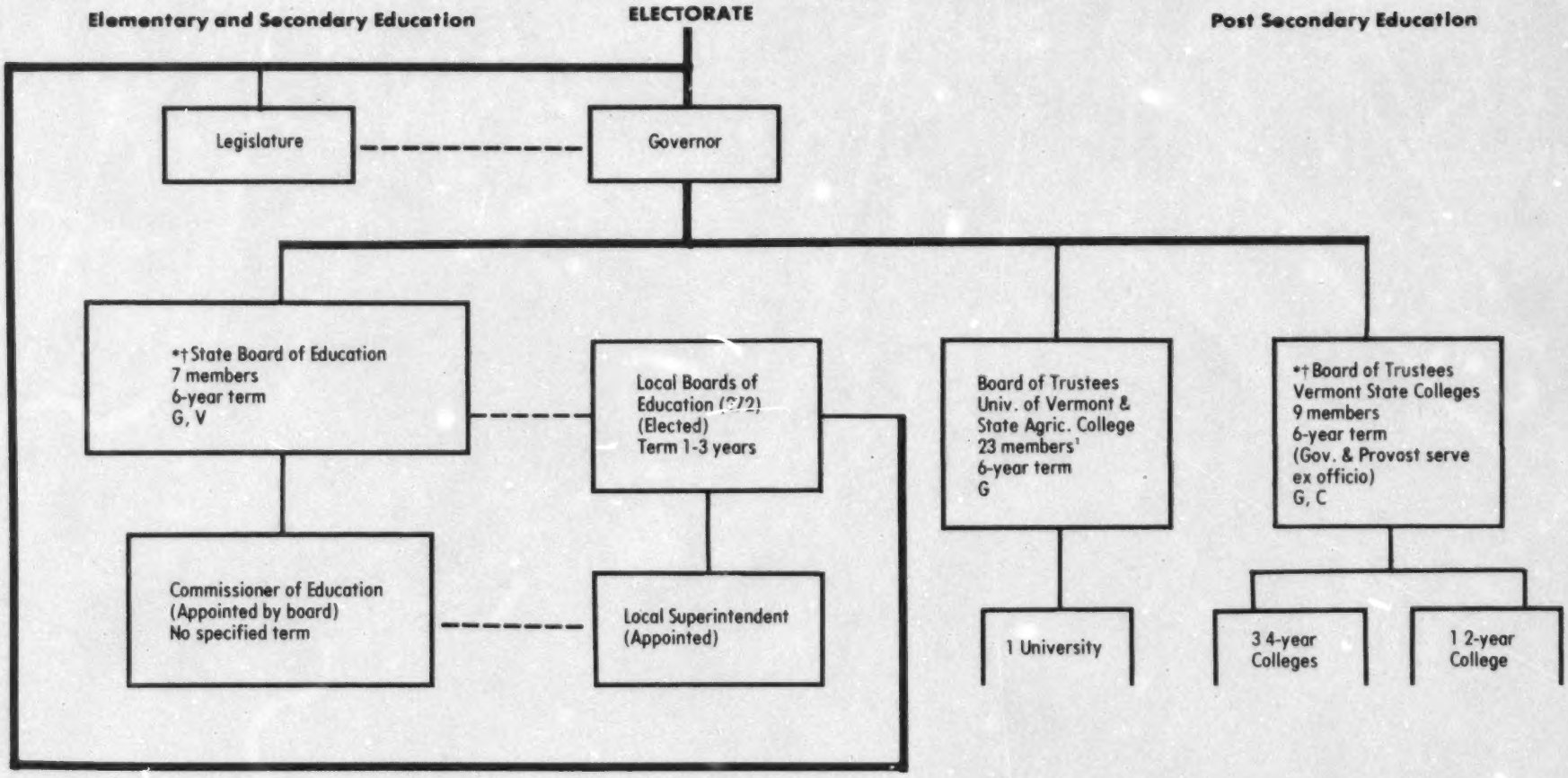

* Senate confirms
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C—Coordinating board
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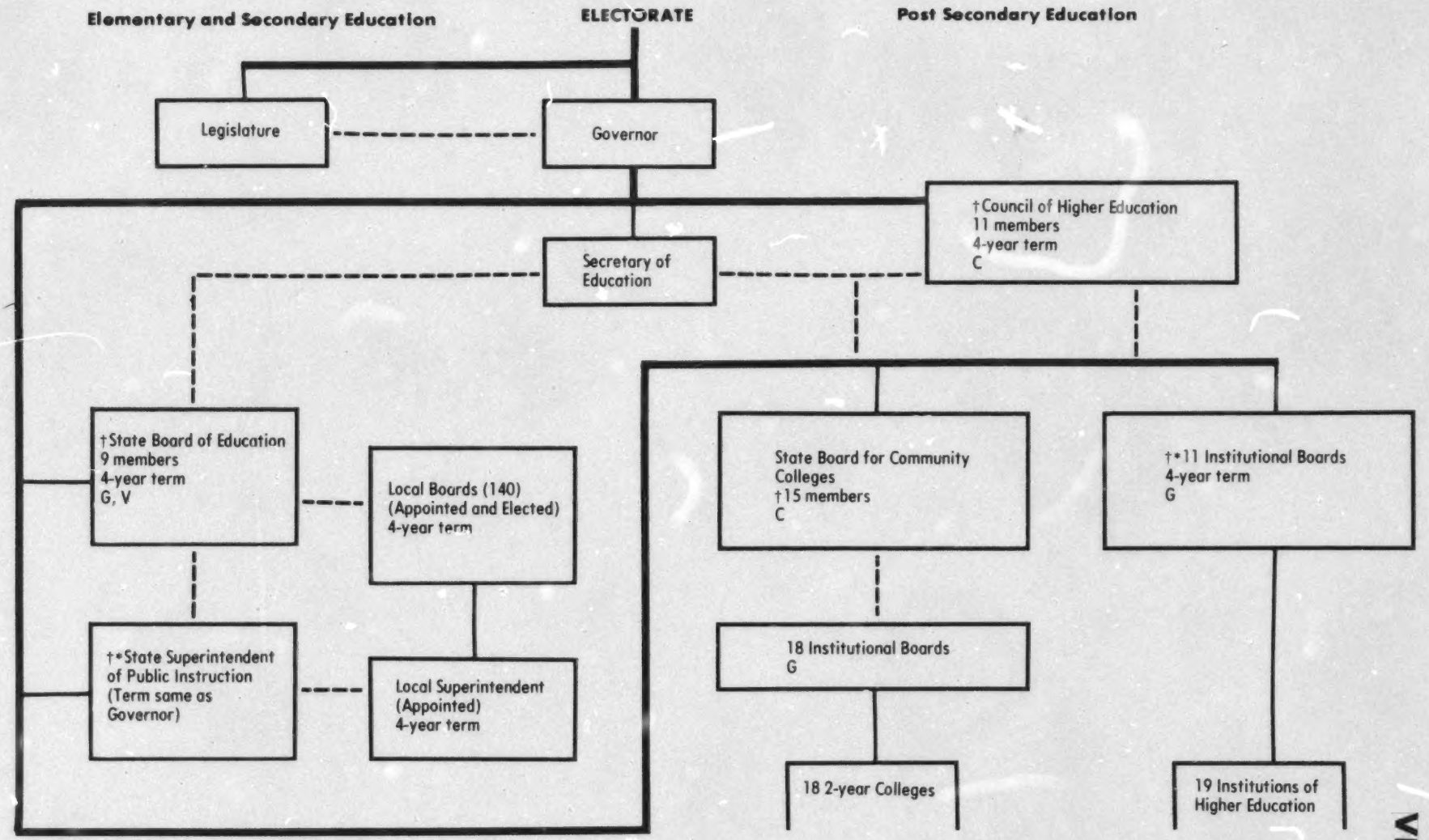
V—Serves as State Board for Vocational Education
[1]9 members elected by legislature; 3 appointed by Governor and confirmed by Senate; 2 ex officio; 9 self-perpetuating

VIRGINIA



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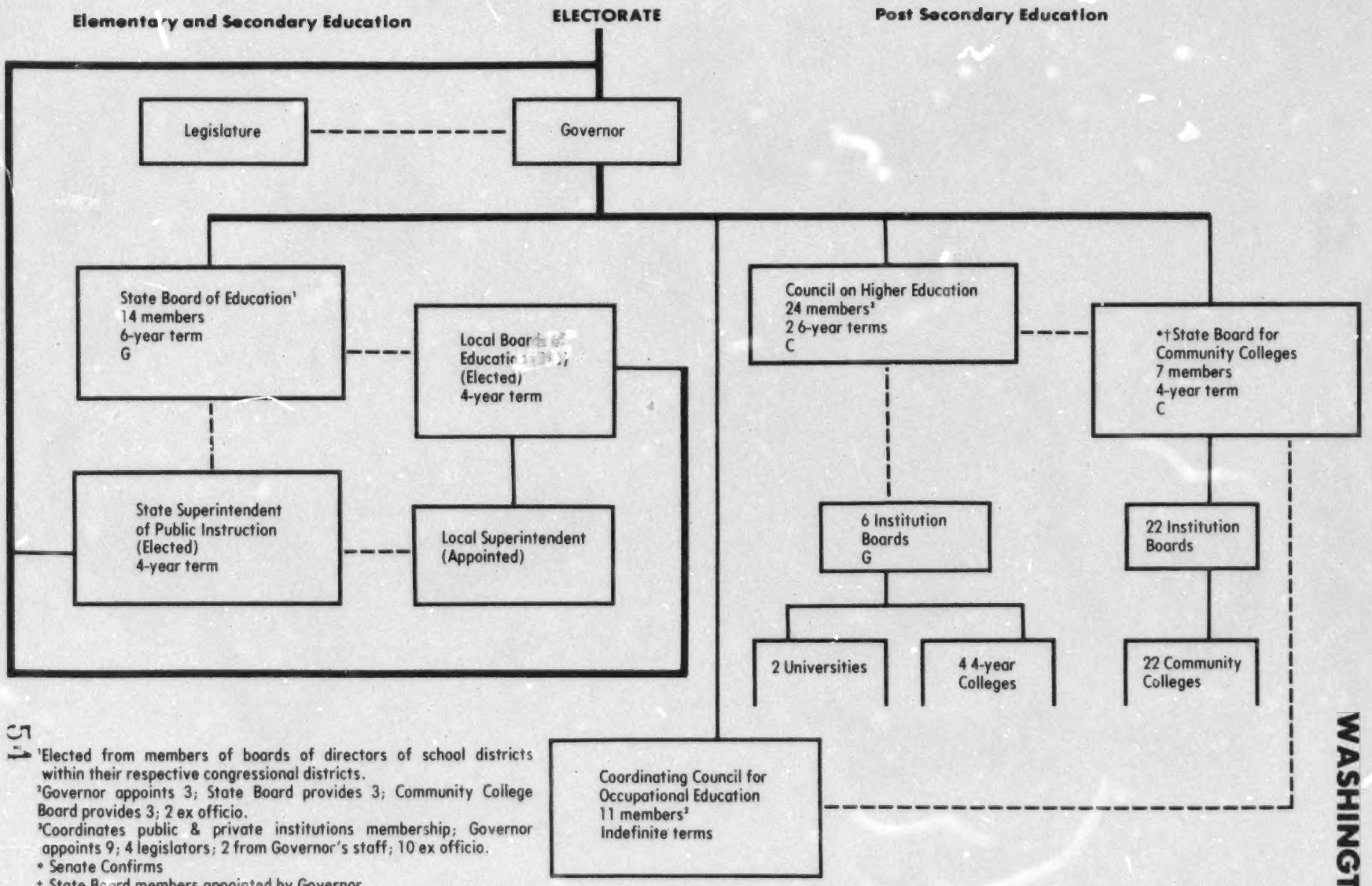
* Confirmed by General Assembly

WASHINGTON



[1]Elected from members of boards of directors of school districts within their respective congressional districts.
[2]Governor appoints 3; State Board provides 3; Community College Board provides 3; 2 ex officio.
[3]Coordinates public & private institutions membership; Governor appoints 9; 4 legislators; 2 from Governor's staff; 10 ex officio.
* Senate Confirms
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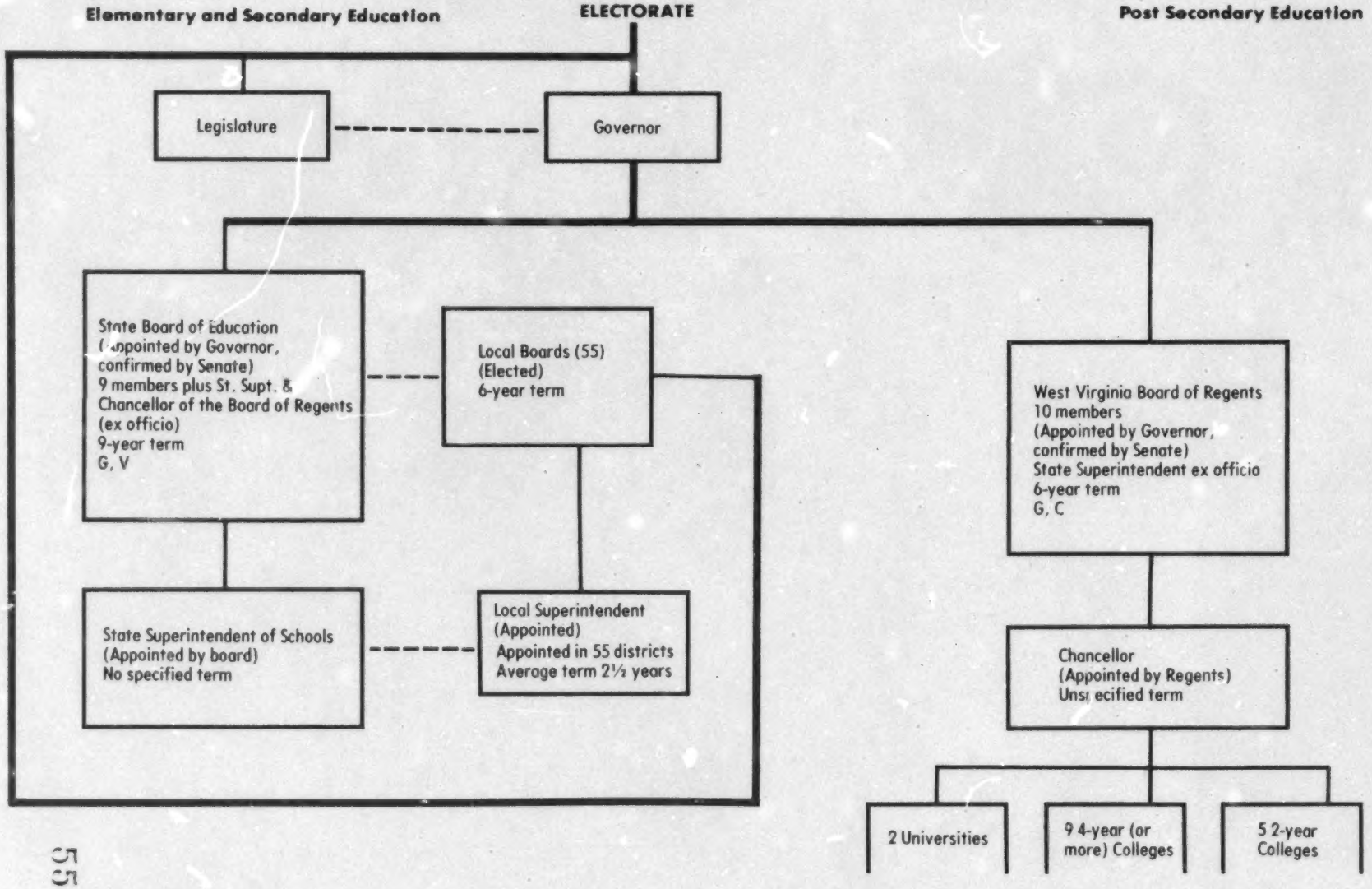
C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board

WASHINGTON

WEST VIRGINIA



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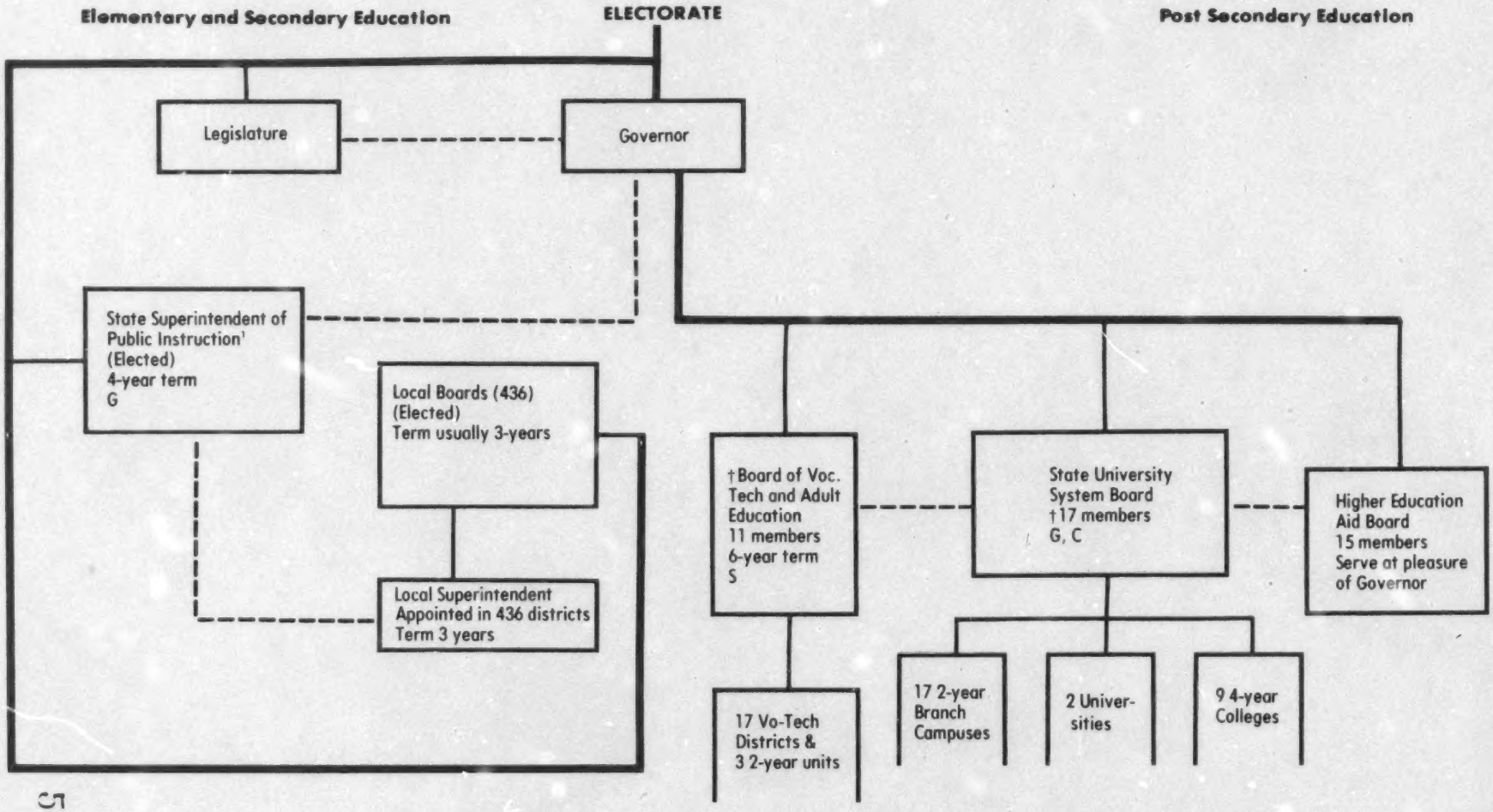
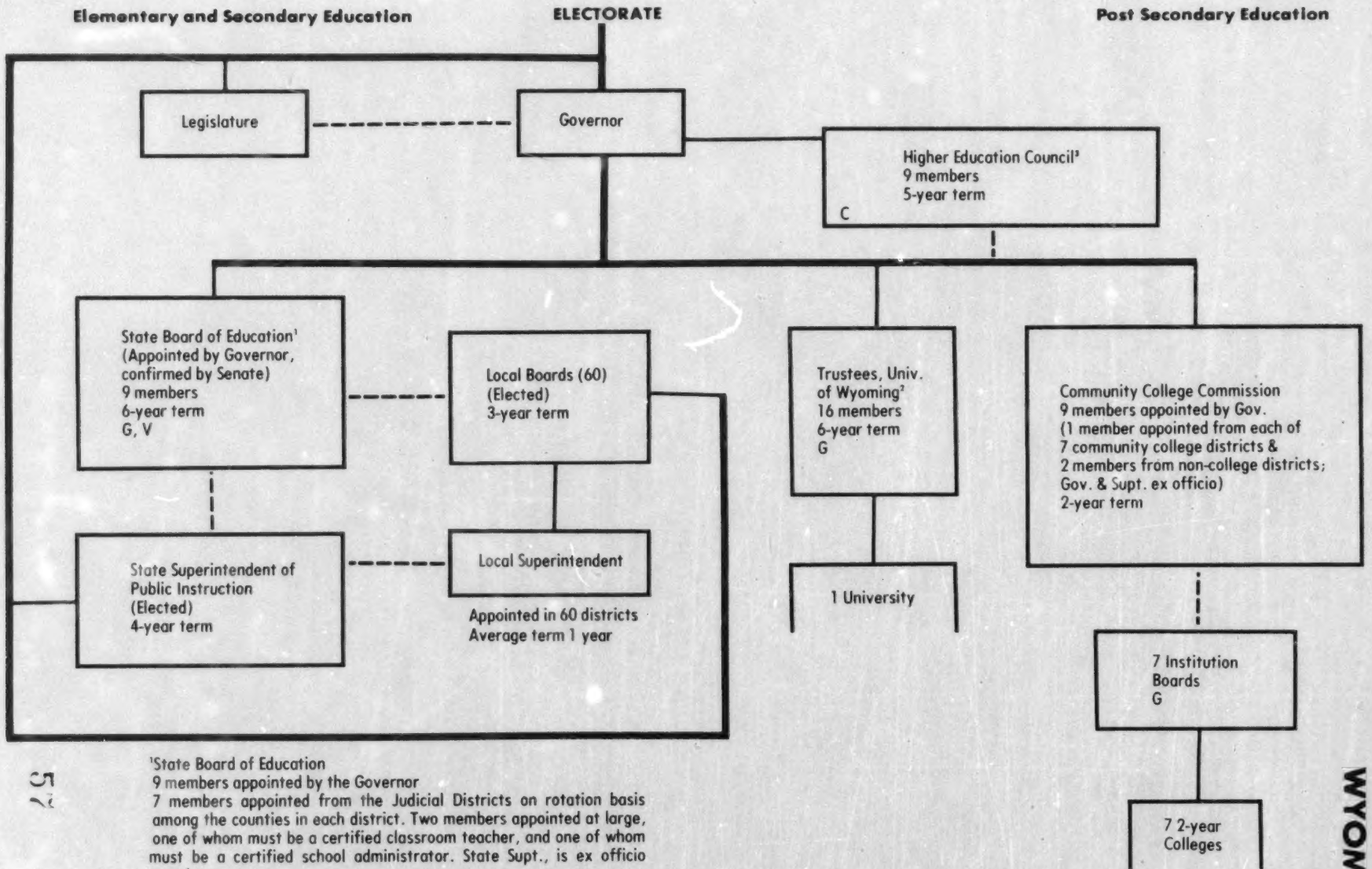


C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
S—Supervisory board
'No State Board of Education
* Senate Confirms
† State Board members appointed by Governor

WYOMING



[1]State Board of Education
9 members appointed by the Governor
7 members appointed from the Judicial Districts on rotation basis among the counties in each district. Two members appointed at large, one of whom must be a certified classroom teacher, and one of whom must be a certified school administrator. State Supt., is ex officio member

[2]Governor appoints 12 members, the Gov., pres. of the univ., the State Superintendent, & the pres. of the Associated Students, Univ. of Wyoming are ex officio

C—Coordinating board
G—Governing board
V—State Board for Vocational Education